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against Wolves



HOW would you like to pick the England squad for the 1982 World Cup? You would? Good! Because this week we give you the chance to do just that.

And those readers judged to have picked the best squads will win a day out with their favourite player in their squad.

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it. Well, I have to admit there's a catch. For all of England's established internationals are unavailable for selection!

Find out more about this exciting new competition — and see how you would do in Ron Greenwood's shoes — by turning to page 6.

Also in this week's issue, Kevin Keegan tells you about his perfect player and we show Liverpool at their best in Golden Goals.

The FA Cup kicks off on Saturday, so you can't afford to miss our in-depth preview of the first round ties. We talk to Derek Parkin and John Wile about Saturday's big Midlands clash between Wolves and West Brom; and our colour posters include Aston Villa's Brian Little, Nottingham Forest's Larry Lloyd and action from last week's Manchester derby.

And of course there are six more action photographs for your FA Cup Collector Series album. The pictures appear on the sheet wrapped around the cover of this issue. Just cut them out and stick them in the appropriate squares in your album. The six pictures you need to complete the series will be given away next week.

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'Dodd is England material' - Durban

STOKE City defender Alan Dodd (right), at loggerheads over pay for six months, has now signed a new contract to stay with the club and has been thrust forward as a candidate for an England place by manager Alan Durban.

Dodd has rediscovered the form which won him under-23 caps since taking over in the back four from Mike Doyle and Durban commented: "He is showing that the art of tackling has not disappeared altogether."

"Tackling is being forced out of the game by some referees who can't distinguish between the real thing and a foul. Players are afraid to tackle because they only have to mis-time a couple to find themselves serving a suspension — but it isn't a problem for Alan Dodd."

"His timing is immaculate and he has the valuable gift of knowing instinctively when to slide in and commit himself, when to stand up and block and when to jockey the opponent."

"If Ron Greenwood is looking for a strong, young central



defender for the next Summer's international and for the next World Cup he can take it from me that Dodd is right in that class on his present form."

Dodd's dispute with the club began with his claim that he was being used out of position at full-back and in mid-field. Now he is back in his favourite central defensive role and his form has been a major factor in Stoke's climb from bottom spot.



Andy Rolland

DUNFERMLINE Athletic's player-coach Andy Rolland has left East End Park and joined up with near neighbours Cowdenbeath, his first senior club.

The 36-year-old defender, who came to Dunfermline from Dundee United 12 months ago, had been offered another year's contract but turned it down.

The new move means that Rolland has now signed for Cowdenbeath three times.

He was only a teenager when he was persuaded to enter the senior ranks but in 1963 he was released by the Central Park club when they were forced to cut down on their playing staff.

A year later, he was signed up again for a second time when Archie Robertson took over as the new manager.

In September, 1967, Rolland was transferred to Dundee United for a fee of £10,000. He arrived at Tannadice and became an instant success.

Goodbye to home cooking

WEST BROMWICH Albion's Gary Owen will be brushing up on his cooking between now and the New Year.

Owen has sold his Manchester house and will be moving to the Midlands after Christmas.

While he played for Manchester City bachelor boy Owen could always nip round to his mother's for some good home cooking.

Once he has moved it will be a different kettle of fish.

Growing reputation

THERE could be an added bonus for Wolves players following the arrival of Dave Thomas from Everton. Green-fingered Thomas is a keen gardener and has been known to supply his team-mates with the odd fresh vegetables.

Silver Peake

ANDY Peake, of Leicester, is named Robinson's Barley Water "Young Player of the Month" for October and gets an inscribed salver valued at £100 and a cheque for £20 to donate to a charity of his choosing.

Peake (18) beat the following regional nominations to the title: North West — Carl Valentine, Oldham Athletic; North East — David Barton, Newcastle United; Midlands — Gordon Cowans, Aston Villa; and London and South — Graham Rix, Arsenal.

NEWS BRIEFS

Forest's loss ... Blues' gain

BILL SHANKLY has described Birmingham City's signing of Archie Gemmill as "the steal of the season."

He feels that Nottingham Forest made a big mistake in allowing the little Scot to leave the City Ground — particularly in view of their lack of mid-field domination in recent games.

Jim Smith, Birmingham City's boss, is highly delighted with Gemmill. He said: "Archie is doing a tremendous job."

"We are now, at long last, beginning to settle down as a side and this is being reflected in our performances as we are climbing the League table and getting into a strong promotional position."



Archie Gemmill

UEFA Cup outsiders Grasshoppers of Zürich, who knocked out Ipswich, meet Stuttgart one of five West German sides who avoided each other in the third round draw. The Rumanians of Universitatea Craiova, who beat Leeds 2-0 at home and away, have the toughest tie against Borussia Moenchengladbach, the holders, who overcame Inter 3-2 in Milan.

Last year's beaten finalists, Red Star Belgrade, are involved in the outstanding tie of the round against triple European Cup winners Bayern Munich. Matches to be played (first leg Nov. 28, second leg Dec. 12) are:

Diosgyoe Miskolc (Hungary) v Kaiserslautern (West Germany); Grasshoppers (Swiss) v Stuttgart (W. Germany); Borussia (West Germany) v Univ. Craiova (Rumania); Locomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) v Dynamo Kiev (USSR); Eintracht Frankfurt (W. Germany) v Feyenoord (Holland); Bayern Munich (W. Germany) v Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia); St Etienne (France) v Aris Salonika (Greece); Standard Liege (Belgium) v Zbrojovka Brno (Czechoslovakia).

SATURDAY SNIPPETS

MIDDLESBROUGH's 14,494 attendance against Bristol City was the smallest First Division gate this season. Previous lowest was the 14,714 crowd to see Bolton play Southampton on August 25.

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BURNLEY kept a blank defensive scoresheet for the first time this season and now Charlton are the only League team that haven't had a blank defensive scoreline all season. Meanwhile Leicester maintained their record of being the only team among the 92 who've scored in every League game this season.

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THE 100 goals in the 44 matches were the second smallest total of any of the 14 Saturday's of the season. Previous lowest was the 99 goals on October 13.

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SEVENTEEN-year-old Leeds debut striker Terry Connor added his name to the list of coloured players who've scored First Division goals this season. The others are: Garth Crooks (Stoke), Justin Fashanu (Norwich), Vince Hilaire (Crystal Palace), Dave Bennett (Manchester City), Viv Anderson (Nottingham Forest).

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CHESTERFIELD's 7-1 home win against Reading was the biggest Third Division win this season. But the overall highest was QPR's seven without reply against Burnley on October 27.

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MANCHESTER United's eight home league game of the season maintained their 50,000+ attendance at them all.

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ALL these clubs had their smallest home gate of the season so far: Middlesbrough, Cardiff, Oldham, Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday and Wigan.

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COLIN Garwood's brace for Portsmouth left him on 16 for the season — the leading league goalscorer. Portsmouth were the first to reach 50 goals — from 20 games — and are on course to become the first team to reach the ton in recent years.

● Birmingham now have a Carrott to help them in their bid for promotion this season. Jasper Carrott. The comedian who once said of Birmingham City... "We'll be in Europe next season — if there's a war" has accepted an invitation to become a director of the club.

Pejic puts fizz back

EX-ENGLAND international full back Mike Pejic started working life earning £4 a week delivering pop from the back of a lorry.

Now he is "top of the pops" at Aston Villa where his defensive skills and experience has done much to bolster the back line at a crucial time.

"Villa are an ambitious club and Ron Saunders is a straight and honest man — good to his players. That's why I joined Villa," Pejic told *Match Weekly*.

Pejic's football career started at Stoke. While playing for the Potters he earned eight international caps at Under-23 level and four full caps.

That was under Sir Alf Ramsey. When Reave came along Pejic disappeared from the international scene and that's something he still looks back on with disappointment.

"My one regret is that my international career did not last longer. The atmosphere is tremendous and I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Pejic.

From Stoke Pejic moved to Everton. "It takes a long time to be recognised as a good player for your home town club and life was never easy for me under Tony Waddington," he recalled.

MALCOLM Allison has gone back ten years in a bid to fashion a championship-winning side at Maine Road again.

Just like the glory days of 1968 Big Mal is sending his players to Salford University where a computer measures their fitness details.

It shows any excesses the players may have indulged in and will tell Allison where to adjust training routines.

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Kenny goes right back

KEN Swain, the striker-turned right-back, has saved Aston Villa a cool £500,000.

That is the sort of price Villa would have had to cough up to bring in an outsider to replace England defender John Gidman, who moved to Everton for £700,000 in October.

Swain, forced into defence for three games at the start of the season when Gidman was relegated to the Reserves, went back there again following Gidman's transfer.

Now Villa boss Ron Saunders says: "Kenny's saved us a lot of money. I always thought he would make a good job of the right-back position."

"He is a skilful player who knows what is expected of him and does it in a most professional way."

Swain, signed from Chelsea for a giveaway £100,000 last



Mike Pejic in action for Villa.

Pejic was Everton manager Gordon Lee's first signing, but a pelvic strain kept him out of the side from Christmas 1978 until the end of the season. When the new campaign began Pejic was no longer an automatic choice.

"Obviously Gordon Lee had decided that I could not do it any more and I was allowed to leave. When Villa came along I was happy to sign for them," said Pejic.

Undoubtedly Villa and their fans were happy too.

NORWICH boss John Bond has been singing the praises of top Canary Kevin Reeves all season — but he didn't expect such an early promotion to the full England squad.

"I must admit I was surprised," Bond told *Match Weekly*. "But the lad deserves it, you only have to look at him out there tonight to realise that," said Bond, referring to Reeves' fine display and goal for the England XI in last week's testimonial for Ipswich manager Bobby Robson.

Cub may be on his way

MILLWALL will definitely reject Tampa Bay Rowdies staggering £1 million bid for three of their teenage stars, Tony Kinsella, Kevin O'Callaghan and Dave Mehmet.

The American offer initiated by the Lions' former manager Gordon Jago was only verbal, but current boss George Petchey is insistent that Millwall's future lies in their youth.

Two of these players, Kinsella and Mehmet played in Saturday's 2-0 victory over Blackpool which put the South-East London club on top of the Third Division.

But while the team rides high the gates remain low and the attendance of 5,879 for that game was some 6,000 below the figure required to make the club financially viable.

In this respect Petchey is willing to release one of his youngsters, but he wants around £400,000 before there is any deal.

That would give the club stability for the next two years and as the Millwall boss has another seven players from last season's FA Youth Cup winning side who he claims could be drafted into the first-team, the move would obviously benefit the club.

There were representatives from ten clubs watching the Millwall lads perform in the first team and South-East Counties league sides over the weekend.

If there are going to be any developments these should take place in the next seven days and the most likely departure is that of 17-year-old Kevin O'Callaghan who has scored five goals in eight senior games this season.

He missed the Blackpool game following injury, but there is little doubt that this boy has a great future before him.

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JOHN Toshack's phenomenal success with Swansea City has not gone unnoticed abroad. Several approaches have come in from overseas for the popular ex-Liverpool favourite. One club to show interest is Tel Aviv Maccabi, the club who sold Avi Cohen to Liverpool.

'Live in' rule on way out?

DUNDEE United's curious rule that all their players must live within the City is beginning to wear a bit thin.

First of all, goalkeeper Peter Bonetti was excused because he is a part-timer living on the remote Isle of Mull.

And now their new £160,000 signing Eamonn Bannon from Chelsea is excused on the grounds that he is a bachelor who divides his time between his digs in Dundee and his parents' home in Edinburgh.

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FORMER West Ham favourite Pop Robson reckons his old club are a jinx on him. He's played against them three times this season, losing two and drawing one.

Fixtures

Saturday, November 24

Division One

Arsenal v Liverpool.....
Aston Villa v Leeds.....
Bristol C. v Man. C.....
C. Palace v Coventry.....
Derby v Nottm. Forest.....
Everton v Spurs.....
Ipswich v Southampton.....
Man. U. v Norwich.....
Middlesbrough v Brighton.....
Stoke v Bolton.....
Wolves v W.B.A.....

Division Two

Burnley v Cambridge.....
Fulham v Watford.....
Leicester v Wrexham.....
Luton v Birmingham.....
Notts. Co. v Chelsea.....
Oldham v Shrewsbury.....
Preston v Orient.....
Q.P.R. v Charlton.....
Sunderland v Bristol R.....
Swansea v Newcastle.....
West Ham v Cardiff.....

F.A. Cup Draw — see page 10

Scottish Premier Division

Celtic v Aberdeen.....
Dundee v Rangers.....
Kilmarnock v Morton.....
Partick v Dundee U.....
St. Mirren v Hibernian.....

Division One

Airdrie v St. Johnstone.....
Berwick v Ayr U.....
Clydebank v Arbroath.....
Dumbarton v Dunfermline.....
Hearts v Motherwell.....
Raith R. v Hamilton.....
Stirling v Clyde.....

Division Two

Cowdenbeath v Falkirk.....
E. Stirling v Albion.....
Forfar v Stranraer.....
Meadowbank v Alloa.....
Montrose v Brechin.....
Q. of South v Queen's Park.....
Stenhousemuir v East Fife.....

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"That was my ball"

**THURSDAY
IS
'MATCH' DAY**



Derek Parkin... "It would be nice to get revenge for last season's 3-0 defeat."

We want revenge

says Wolves' Derek Parkin

I'M NOT very good on facts and figures and remembering specific matches against clubs, but what I do remember is that our matches against the Albion are always packed with atmosphere.

This is brought about by the crowd's light-hearted humour. There's a lot of local pride at stake and the fans seem to reckon that whoever wins this one can call themselves the Midlands Top Club.

Aston Villa, Coventry, Stoke and Birmingham might have something to say about that, but at Wolves this is the big one.

We got stuffed 3-0 at home last season when we were having a bad patch and although we surprised them at the Hawthorns to get a point late in the season, it will be nice to get revenge.

One thing's for sure. We

won't need motivating by the manager for this one. There's bound to be 30,000 in — that alone is a tremendous influence.

On the day, the team that settles first will have the edge. That will be difficult as both teams are going through a spell of injuries. But if one team scores early it seems to take the pressure off.

John Richards and Andy Gray are our potential match-winners. They're going through a lean spell at the moment, but they could come good on the day.

For Albion it's difficult to say, they're such a well-organised side, from 'keeper to No. 11, Cyrille Regis is just coming back to form and I'll be surprised if Peter Barnes doesn't get back for this one.

I've always enjoyed my tussles with him. He's very strong and keeps running at you.

Gray s

THERE'S a lot of local rivalry in the Midlands, but I think this one on Saturday is the big one for the Wolves' and Albion fans — this is THE Black Country derby.

In the week prior to the game, I don't think the players treat it any more special than an ordinary match but the tension of the fans gets to them in the dressing room before the match and there's a feeling that they really want to do well for the supporters' sake.

We wouldn't be good professionals if we didn't care how the rest of the season went as long as we won the derby game, but it's fair to say we do feel the atmosphere more.

A lot depends on the first 15 minutes. Normally this kind of game starts with everybody dashing about at 100mph. That doesn't suit us at Albion; we prefer to be more controlled.

But if we can keep them out

MATCH

AS YOU will notice from our fact-finder panel the Wolves v Albion derby rarely produces a lifeless, goal-starved draw. In fact form points to at least three goals being shared.

With both clubs, aggravated by injuries, the play-makers in midfield could hold the key



Kenny Hibbitt... playing better than ever now for Wolves.

Wolves pells danger

says Albion's John Wile

in the early stages and settle to our usual pattern, I feel we will do well.

Andy Gray will obviously be our chief threat but I quite like playing against him. He's the type who doesn't stoop to any skulduggery, he's wholehearted and strong but fair and takes his fair share of knocks without complaint.

Dangerous

John Richards will be dangerous too. He's a different type of player, likes it a lot on the ground and he's quick over 10 yards. But it won't be a case of me v Andy and Ally Robertson v Richards. At Albion we don't play man to man, we pick up the man nearest and mark that way.

For us, Cyrille Regis could be a key factor if he has managed to regain some of his form since his long lay-off. At present the boss is still trying to find the best front line combination. He's got five players chasing three positions. I suppose it's a nice situation for a manager but not for the players.

Apart from playing in Derek Parkin's testimonial last week - and that's not always the best way to judge players' form - I have only seen Wolves on television and again it's unfair to cast a judgement. But they appear to be really working hard for John Barnwell and Ritchie Barker.

I won't stick my neck out and say we're going to repeat last season's 3-0 win, but we are making progress and if we can re-adjust to not having Derek Statham in the side, I think we can get a result. I hope so for the fans' sake.



John Wile . . . "We really want to do well for the fans."

FACTOR

and *MATCH WEEKLY* sees it as a duel of wits between Wolves' Willie Carr and Kenny Hibbitt and Albion's Gary Owen and Bryan Robson, with West Brom's new Young England partnership tipped to take the honours on the day.

WOLVES		ALBION
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8	Defensive strength	8
9	Experience	8
8	Crowd influence	8
8	Big Match	8
9	Temperaments	8
7	Managers	9
8	Workrate	8
8	Form	8
	Skill factor	9
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100	Maximum	100

The story so far

SATURDAY's Wolves v West Bromwich Albion derby will be the 109th meeting of the two clubs in the League, although they have met 217 times in all since Albion won the opening encounter 4-2, a Birmingham Cup tie at Dudley Road, Wolverhampton in January, 1883.

The League facts are: League meetings 108. Wolves' wins 42, Albion wins 40, drawn 26.

At Molineux: Wolves' wins 28, Albion wins 15, drawn 11. Goals: Wolves 111, Albion 81.

At Hawthorns: Wolves' wins 14, Albion wins 25, drawn 15. Goals: Wolves 77, Albion 100. Total goals: Wolves 188, Albion 181. Average per game 3.4 goals.

Home and away doubles: Wolves 7, Albion 6. Last double in 1970-71, when Wolves won 2-1 at Molineux and 4-2 at Hawthorns. Biggest wins: Albion won 8-0 at Molineux in Division One, December, 1893; Wolves won 7-0 at Molineux, Division One, March, 1963. Goal-less draws: Only 4 in all, the last at Hawthorns in 1968-69.



Cyrille Regis . . . back to form he could be a match-winner.

AS THE last player to contest this 'Black Country Cup final' for both Wolves and West Bromwich Albion, *MATCH WEEKLY* asked Bobby Gould for his opinion of the outcome.

Bobby is now assistant manager to Geoff Hurst at Chelsea, but remembers these Midland top-dog tussles with relish.

"I'm a Coventry man myself, but I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the Wolves v Albion games. Certainly it will be the talk of the pubs around Dudley and Bilston, where there's a mixture of fans.

"I seem to remember that these games tended to finish with the away side winning," said Bobby, who scored 31 goals in two spells with Wolves and 18 goals in 52 Albion appearances.

"Wolves impressed me when I took my son Jonathan to see them play in the League Cup at Q.P.R., Kenny Hibbitt in particular has grown in stature as a player. Willie Carr, a very under-rated player, also

Gould goes for 'Golds'



Bobby Gould . . . the last player to play for both Wolves and West Brom.

looked good and has been popping up with valuable goals lately.

"I see John Wile and Ally Robertson as the key to Albion's fate. If they can hold Gray and Richards Albion have a chance. Gray is a much improved player for going to Wolves; I have been impressed with his technique, and he has found a new ability to link the midfield. He is creating chances now through his awareness of other players.

"Albion, I feel, have struggled since losing the Regis-Cunningham combination and I'm taking Wolves as 2-1 winners.

"I'll even have a stab at the scorers . . . Dave Thomas, two for Wolves, and Tony Brown for Albion."

PICK THE NEW ENGLAND

Write the names of the players in your squad, and their clubs (don't forget to indicate your captain) in the panel below - OR, if you do not wish to cut your MATCH WEEKLY, draw the panel on a letter or postcard. Send it to 'NEW ENGLAND', MATCH WEEKLY, MIDGATE HOUSE, MIDGATE, PETERBOROUGH, PE1 1UB.

Our panel of experts - including KEVIN KEEGAN, BRIAN CLOUGH, RON ATKINSON and STEVE COPPELL - will select the best six squads and the team managers who sent them in will each win a day out with a player in their squad. The Editor's decision is final.

and win a day out with your favourite player.

NAME CLUB

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ENGLAND - 1

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, THURSDAY.

THE ENTIRE ENGLAND FOOTBALL SQUAD WERE TODAY BANNED FROM THE 1982 WORLD CUP COMPETITION, ANNOUNCING THEIR DECISION HERE, F.I.F.A. SAID THE BAN WAS THE RESULT OF PERSISTENT BREACHING OF THE RULES REGARDING SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR INTERNATIONALS. NO PLAYER WHO HAS WON A FULL CAP OR UNDER - 23 CAP WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY FOR THE NATIONAL SIDE UNTIL AFTER THE FINALS IN SPAIN. ENDS.

HOW MANY times have you seen the England squad for an international and declared to your friends - "How on earth does so and so get in?" or "Why hasn't such and such a player been picked?"

Well now's your big chance to show what you could do in Ron Greenwood's shoes.

We have imagined that the telex above has just been received at FA headquarters in London and has shocked the footballing world. For it confirms that FIFA, world football's governing body, has imposed a life ban on all England international players and the team manager for a breach of international rules.

England has been robbed of its established stars for the 1982 World Cup campaign. The FA is at panic stations, a manager is needed to lead England to the World Cup finals in Spain. YOU ARE GIVEN THE JOB.

Who would you pick? In selecting your squad of 22, bear in mind that you will need a balanced party of 3 goalkeepers, 6 defenders, 6 midfield players and 7 attackers. You will also need to name a captain.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 13. THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

BANNED

Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton, Joe Corrigan, Chris Woods, Gary Bailey, Viv Anderson, Trevor Cherry, Phil Neal, Dave Watson, Phil Thompson, Emlyn Hughes, Kenny Sanson, Mick Mills, Ray Ranson, Billy Wright, Terry Butcher, Russell Osman, Mark Dennis, Billy Gilbert, Vince Hilaire, Bryan Robson, Gary Owen, John Deshan, Gordon Cowans, Steve Williams, Graham Rix, Garth Crooks, Gary Birtles, Ray Wilkins, Terry McDermott, Tony Currie, Glen Hoddle, Ray Kennedy, Trevor Brooking, Kevin Keegan, Steve Coppell, Trevor Francis, Tony Woodcock, Bob Latchford, Kevin Reeves, Peter Barnes, Laurie Cunningham.

PLUS ANY OTHER PLAYERS CAPPED AT UNDER 21, UNDER 23, B TEAM OR FULL INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.



IT'S A FACT!

The 89 goals by Manchester City when they descended from the First Division at the end of season 1925-26 ranks as the highest number ever scored by any relegated team in any football league division.

The only case in history of father and son both making their debut in English first class soccer when only 16 and with the same club in each case concerned Tommy Powell who began with Derby County in 1940 and his son Steve who started with the club in 1971.

In season 1968-69 Queen's Park Rangers had four managers in less than half the campaign - Alec Stock, Bill Dodgin, Tommy Docherty and Les Allen.

The longest post-war spell of playing service anyone has had with one Football League club was built up by Ron Sproson who was a Port Vale professional from July 1949 to May 1972.

On Easter Saturday in 1957 Charlton scored for Charlton when Charlton couldn't score! What happened was that Charlton Athletic's only goal was scored for them by an own-goal by Arsenal right-back Stanley Charlton.

Tommy Caton

Manchester City

**SOCCER
SUPERKIDS NO.3**



MALCOLM ALLISON once said of Tommy Caton: "He's going to be the best centre-half this country has ever seen . . . and that includes Jackie Charlton and Dave Watson."

Some compliment for a kid barely out of his school uniform and a proud boast a lot of people might have doubted at first.

But then the Manchester City team boss has never been one to mince his words. And if Caton continues to progress as he has since his First Division debut at the start of this season, then who is to say he won't be right?

Caton himself — at 17 the youngest player in the First Division — looks only to the more immediate future.

"I think I'm establishing myself in the City team and that's what is important now. I'm pleased with my game although I'm learning things all the time," he told **MATCH WEEKLY** from his Manchester digs.

"But I haven't found it so hard to play in the First Division as I thought I would. When I used to watch football on TV I used to think 'I could never do that', but now it doesn't seem so hard. The hardest part is getting there," said Caton.

He was born on Merseyside — his parents Tommy and Josephine and 12-year old brother Paul live at Meghull just outside Liverpool — and was first approached by City while he was playing for Kirby Boys.

But if things had worked out differently for his family, Caton's obvious talents might never have been on show in this country.

"We emigrated to Australia at one time and I got picked for the Australian Under-13 team as an inside left I was 11 when we came back," recalled Caton.

Back in his native land, it wasn't long before the young Caton had a ball at his feet once more — as a midfielder this time — for St Kevin's RC comprehensive school and the offers came in.

"I just kept playing football. I wasn't going to sign for any club

until I knew it was the right one. I think about 30 clubs came in for me at one stage or another and I actually looked around 10, but there was a friendly atmosphere at City and I thought my chances there were better than anywhere.

"I knew there were people like

Mike Doyle, Dave Watson and Tommy Booth, but I knew City were not a club to worry about throwing youngsters in," said Caton.

He was soon playing for the reserves on a Saturday, studying for his exams during the week. But his football dreams didn't hamper his education and when he left school at 16 he took seven O-Levels with him. Right now he's studying for his maths A-Level.

Caton became a full-time professional only in July of this year and his first team League debut was against Crystal Palace on August 18.

"Malcolm said he wanted to play me last season, but he couldn't get permission from my school," he said.

"My age doesn't worry me when I'm playing — centre-forwards don't make allowances for that — and everyone has been a big help to me. My parents always encouraged me and they have had the biggest influence on my career, but all the players mix well together whether it's the first team or the reserves."

Despite City's up-and-down start to the season Caton is confident that better things are to come.

"The confidence is high. A team like Liverpool has been together for seasons. We have nine new faces, but we've been playing well and we'll be around the top at the end of the season."

As for Malcolm Allison — the man who pinned so much faith in Caton's ability to take over from England centre-half Dave Watson at City: "He knows his football inside out although he seems a complete contrast to the flamboyant character I used to read about. He's helped a lot of youngsters and me especially — I owe him the world for having confidence in me."

My perfect player

THIS week I have taken a close look at the qualities which I believe make the perfect player – and the players who have those qualities.

Roll all of them into one player and money couldn't buy him! He would score goals – with both feet and his head – as well as making them for others.

He would win tackles, dazzle the crowds with his close control and never be sent off.

It is not by mistake that my perfect player is a striker. Scoring is the greatest thrill for any player and goals are what the crowds come to see.

My super-striker is made up of 11 qualities – the number of players in a team. But they are in no particular order. Let's start with BRAVERY, an essential weapon in the armoury of any goal-getter. No-one scared of getting hurt ever made the grade.

I think the bravest man in English football at the moment is ANDY GRAY of Wolves – for the simple reason that he never thinks of danger. If he did, he would not put his head where some players would not put their feet!



Liam Brady finesse

I have known great players who have not always gone in where it hurts like Andy, but they had a certain instinct for being in the right place at the right time and this allowed them to get away with it. But remember that we are talking about the perfect player . . .

Having stressed the importance of bravery I would not recommend any young player to put his head into silly situations where he is certain to get hurt. That's stupidity. Andy is brave, not stupid – there's a big difference.

You only have to throw your head in at the wrong time and you could be out for two months. But my perfect player, like any good pro, wants to play every week.

SELF-DISCIPLINE: I may not be the best person to comment on this particular quality. In the past I have retaliated and been sent off. But getting fouled is an occupational hazard for a striker and he must be able to control himself.

Unfortunately, self-discipline is not really something you can train into a player. It is born into you and

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Bobby Moore composure

players who have bad temperaments rarely improve.

My ideal player here is BOBBY MOORE, captain of England's World Cup winning side in 1966. Bobby never got ruffled, never lost his composure. As a captain he showed a perfect example.

His ordeal in Mexico in the 1970 World Cup, when he was accused of stealing a necklace, could have shattered the whole squad if it had happened to anyone else. But as always he came out of it with head held high.

My own self-discipline has, I am glad to say, improved over the years. I cannot help remember my clash with Romeo Benetti, the Italians' midfield hard man, in that crucial European Championship clash at Wembley two years ago.

During the game he crashed his



Peter Lorimer power



Steve Heighway control

elbow into the top of my head. Without further ado I jerked my elbow into his mouth and one of his front teeth shot out. "I get you Keegan" he growled and spat in my eye.

And get me he did. When I laid on our second goal for Trevor Brooking, Benetti waited for me to part with the ball and then cracked me hard on the knee. If he had wanted the ball he might have won it. But he wanted me. He got what he wanted but so did I when Trevor scored. I was the more constructive.

If that had happened a few years before I might well have hobbled over and flattened him! As it was I controlled myself and I had to go off shortly afterwards with a knee like a balloon.

TACKLING: When talking about strikers in modern-day football tackling is as important as scoring. The days when a centre forward stood up front waiting for the ball disappeared 5-6 years ago.

The man who did this better than anyone was GEORGE BEST, particularly in the early part of his career. When he was 19 and 20, Besty was actually tackling full backs. Nowadays a team has to defend with 11 men and go forward with 11.

LEFT FOOT: My perfect striker would be clever on both sides and on his left side I would give him the finesse of LIAM BRADY, of Arsenal. Playing up front is all about making goals as well as putting them in the net. Brady can get to by-line and then drop the ball on a sixpence in the middle. He can make the ball talk with that left foot and the accuracy of his distribution would be an invaluable quality.

RIGHT FOOT: On the right side I would go for the power and



George Best tackling

accuracy of PETER LORIMER, the Scottish international formerly with Leeds and now with York City. Peter always impressed me as a very stylish player and he is still cracking them in from 35 yards. He can also cross an accurate ball from 60 yards.

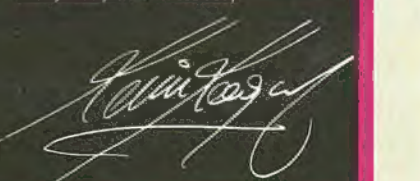
Any side with both Brady and Lorimer in would be deadly dangerous from free kicks, with Brady chipping and swerving from the left and Lorimer powering them in from the right.

CLOSE CONTROL: Here I would go for my former Liverpool team mate STEVE HEIGHWAY. On his day Steve would baffle any full-back with his unusual "dragging" style. He would run in such a way as to invite a player into the tackle and then drag the ball past.

I will name my other five qualities, and the players who have them, next week. I will also show you what my perfect player would look like.



Andy Gray bravery



Don't rock the Brighton boat

WHAT a week it's been! It started first thing Monday morning when my horse smashed the wing mirror on my car. Then on Wednesday I was kicked under the chin by someone else's horse (the beard covers it up thank goodness!)

On Saturday lunchtime I was knocked off the air by a strike and just when it looked as if nothing would go right Coventry beat Wolves at Molineux and on Match of the Day we had the action from the shock result of the season — Nottingham Forest 0 Brighton 1.

Don't think I don't know how Alan Mullery feels, because I do. I only wish everyone really understood the plight in which Brighton find themselves in the First Division.

I'm afraid it's an unpleasant fact about the majority of football supporters — and I'm discounting the golden minority — but they have short memories and an almost total lack of sympathy and understanding.

Let me make it clear I'm not referring to that brave band of Brighton supporters who have followed their team around the country to Third, Second and First Division grounds and, win or lose, continue to give the lads every encouragement. They're the salt of the earth.

I'm referring to those, who are already finding reasons to criticise Alan Mullery and the club.

Mullery's only mistake was in performing a miracle too quickly.



Alan Mullery in pensive mood contemplating Brighton's future. Saturday's result should put a smile on his face again.

In masterminding two promotions from the Third to the First Division in such a short space of time, it was inevitable that Brighton would struggle this season.

You cannot motivate, coach or even force players to cope with a higher class of competition so quickly — they need time to adjust. I'm not only talking about first-team players, but also the youngsters who mould themselves on them. One minute their idols are Third Division players, the next they have to aspire to First Division standards, which I don't have to tell you are very high.

There are plenty of teams who have gone up one division and immediately been successful in higher company but I can't remember any team that's achieved immediate success after two lightning jumps up the league ladder.

If Brighton survive this season Mullery will have achieved a third miracle and they should give him the freedom of the beaches!

But I don't think his problems will be over then, although he will have bought valuable time in which the whole club can adjust to its new lofty situation.

I can remember Coventry suffered two years of nail-biting relegation struggles before they had one season in which they were able to breathe easily. Perhaps Brighton fans can gain perspective from that and realise that their total loyalty and



encouragement at this time could mean the difference between staying up and going down.

As it stands, there are only two teams in Division One who have never been relegated from that division, Coventry and Brighton. I hope it stays that way next May.

Even if Brighton do go down, it's by no means the end of the road. Taking the broader view this season's experience will have equipped them far better to make further challenges for promotion in future years and also to cope with the increased problems at the top second time around.

In numbers they're a very well supported team and there's no reason why eventually they shouldn't become an established First Division outfit, even if Alan Hardaker's idea is accepted and the elite is reduced to 18 teams.

I see nothing to worry about in Brighton's future but I would be happier about their prospects this season if all their fans would do what they and Alan Mullery are asking the players to do and that is think a bit quicker, learn a bit more, always give 100 per cent and when things are running against you don't drop your heads.

George is still the Best

THE cameras rolled, press enquiries came in thick and fast and the adoring female fans waited for a glimpse of their hero... a typical scene from the George Best scrapbook.

But this was November 1979 and the return of British football's prodigal son to the domestic scene. The occasion was a testimonial game for Ipswich manager Bobby Robson and Best's presence helped to reward him with a bumper gate of 23,825.

It may be a heavier Best than in his glory days with Manchester United, but there's no denying the superb skill that still surfaces. Little feints and superb ranging passes warmed the crowd on a freezing evening. They did enough to confirm to watching Hibernian officials that they were right to pursue their interest. Best found their offer of between

£1,500 and £2,000 a match too good to turn down and on Friday signed on for £50,000.

Best used the testimonial game to display his talents to any would-be buyer and also as another step on the long road to getting fit.

And it was an experience greatly enjoyed by the wandering Irish wing wizard. "I got a couple of knocks just like the bad old days, or good old days, but it was a tremendous experience," he said afterwards. "You can train every day but this is different, you can't beat playing."

"I've got another testimonial lined up at Norwich and I will use these matches as part of my training programme. I will entertain a little where I can, but my priority is to get fit."

"I'm only about 65-70% fit at the moment but I feel good in myself and that's the important



George Best — his superb close control has not waned through the years.

thing. Nowadays the heart's willing but I find it a little bit harder. I'll let someone else do the work now — if I can surround myself with 19 and 20 year olds I'll be OK!"

Although 33-year-old Best has thrown in his lot with Scottish Premier League side Hibs he does not necessarily see them as his final club. He believes he can still turn it on in the English First Division. "If not I would not have come here tonight," he added.

Best's last competitive game in England was in November 1977 for Fulham against Stoke. "The stand blew down that day," he said. "I think it was the most exciting thing that happened!"

But his two-year absence has not harmed the kingly touch. Just listen to Bobby Robson, speaking at the end of his testimonial.

"The guy is still a marvellous player. He's got touches and vision and sees situations in half a second that half the players in the country at the moment wouldn't. He's sheer genius."



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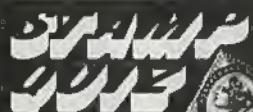
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F.A. CUP FIRST

BRANDON v BRADFORD CITY

LITTLE Brandon United have maintained the amazing Cup traditions of the North-East and have emerged as the 22nd non-League club from County Durham to reach the First Round of the F.A. Cup. It's a record no other county can match.

Formed only eight years ago as a Sunday League team — Alan Shoulder, Newcastle's new wing star, was one of their early discoveries — they have won the Northern Alliance for the past two seasons.

With their own ground unsuitable for the large crowd expected to converge on this mining community, the match has been switched to neighbouring Spennymoor, although it is understood Bradford City manager George Mulhall is unhappy about the lack of consultation.

MORECAMBE v ROTHERHAM UTD.

THE CURRENT upheaval at Rotherham United, which has seen a boardroom takeover and the shock move of manager Jim McGuigan to Stockport County, may prove a timely opportunity for Morecambe to step in and add to the Millmoor commotion.

Rotherham have a fine record against non-League clubs in the Cup and only once in their history have they been beaten by a minor outfit.



Midfielder Roger Joslyn, in a Swindon side that's back in the hunt.

SWINDON v BRENTFORD

TWO OF the Third Division's top sides, Swindon and Brentford, will be forgetting about their respective quests for Second Division football when they clash in one of the top ties at the County ground.

Swindon, after just missing promotion last year, are right back in the hunt once again under the astute management of Bob Smith.

Up front, Alan Mayes, one of

last season's bargains at £80,000 from Watford, has hit top form and the net with great consistency and with Andy Rowland forms a striking partnership not bettered by any Third Division side.

Brentford must be full of confidence following a marvellous start to the season after finding their feet on their return to the Third Division.

SLOUGH v HUNGERFORD

THE TINY Berkshire market town of Hungerford, has been hit by Cup fever after their side reached the First Round with a crushing 5-0 defeat of Southern League Bridgend in a final qualifying round replay.

Hungerford, of the Hellenic League hoped for a draw against a League side but face the prospect of the short trip up the M4 to meet Isthmian Leaguers Slough with great confidence.

Manager Jimmy Keiman, who almost guided his side to an F.A. Vase Wembley final two years ago, has built up a formidable young team. They showed their determination and ability in the previous round at Bridgend, where they equalised in the 80th minute with only 10 men on the field after having a man sent off.

They took Bridgend to the cleaners in the replay and with many of the town's 4,000 population supporting them at Slough, they are in with a real chance of causing an upset.

ALTRINCHAM v CREWE

ALTRINCHAM's F.A. Cup hopes are in safe hands. Who better to guide them to a First Round upset than Alex Stepney who only two years ago won a winners' medal with Manchester United at Wembley.

Now Stepney keeps goal for Alliance League leaders Altrincham while he waits to resume his American career with Dallas Tornado in February.

"It's a way of keeping fit and I'm enjoying it," Stepney told MATCH WEEKLY. "I'm particularly looking forward to the Crewe tie. The F.A. Cup magic exists even in the First Round and every game is a great experience."

"Mind you, I played in the First Round for Millwall some 16 years ago when Kettering beat us. So I know what giantkilling's all about!"

Altrincham will have no qualms facing a Crewe side struggling in the wrong half of the fourth Division. Last year's Cup run will stand them in good stead. Then they drew 1-1 away to Tottenham before losing the replay 3-0.



Reading dangerman Richie Bowman — back in form and among the goals again.

READING v KETTERING TOWN

KETTERING, one of the country's top non-League sides, face the daunting task of visiting Elm Park and in form Reading.

After a sticky beginning on their return to the Third Division, having won the Fourth Division championship, Reading have hit top form and last week knocked Millwall off the top of the League with dangerman Richie Bowman among the goals.

In the close-season former Oxford and Plymouth defender Colin Clarke, took over the manager's seat at Kettering from Mick Jones and the club sold leading scorer Bobby Kellock to nearby Peterborough for £25,000.

Many regard Kettering worthy of a place in the Football League and a good result at Reading would go a long way to prove their point.

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Barking v Oxford.....

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Reading v Kettering.....

Wycombe v Croydon.....

Swindon v Brentford.....



ROUND PREVIEW

MATCH WEEKLY ANALYSES THE TOP TIES

SALISBURY v MILLWALL

F.A. CUP fever has finally arrived in Salisbury with the whole city tingling in anticipation for the biggest game in the club's history.

The Cathedral spires have never known anything like it. Plain old Salisbury doing battle with high-flying Millwall, who are so confident of their future they could afford to turn down a £1 million bid for three of their young stars.

"The whole city has gone mad," Salisbury FC commercial manager Ray Long said. "Our average gate is only 500 but we are expecting 5,000 for this game — easily the biggest we have ever played."

Fears over crowd safety prompted the clubs to switch the tie to Southampton. Millwall fans, renowned for their fanatical allegiance will probably swell the gate past 10,000.

Salisbury have saved their best performances this year for the cup competitions and will once again look to Paul Christopher to lead another giant-killing act.

KIDDERMINSTER v BLACKBURN

A TEAM steeped in F.A. Cup tradition face to face with one who has never seen beyond the Second Round . . . that's the intriguing prospect at Kidderminster.

Blackburn come armed with names like Duncan McKenzie, Howard Kendall and John Aston and an honours list that includes F.A. Cup wins in six of the early years.

But it doesn't frighten Kidderminster who have memories of the last time they appeared in the First Round — a 2-2 draw at Brighton followed by a 1-0 defeat in the replay. They have to stretch their memories even further to recall the last time they figured in the Second Round — 1935 and a 5-1 defeat at Workington. Former Aston Villa and

Southend player John Chambers took over as player-manager at Kidderminster last year and since then has introduced eight new faces to the side.

One of these is 21-year-old forward John Powell, once of Nottingham Forest and an attraction now for many League scouts. He scored one of the goals that beat Sutton Coldfield in the F.A. Cup fourth qualifying round replay 3-2 after extra-time.

That game was watched by Rovers' player-manager Howard Kendall who later said he was unhappy playing under the Kidderminster lights. So note the kick-off is at 2.15 p.m.



Sheffield United's Alex Sabella, who take on Merseysiders Burscough

SHEFFIELD UNITED v BURSCOUGH

WHEN Cheshire League side Burscough step out at Bramhall Lane to face four-times F.A. Cup winners Sheffield United, only the most outrageous optimist will be backing them to win.

But one bet that is safe is that the game has proved a lifeline to the club — and their share of the expected £20,000 receipts assures their future for at least two years.

Manager is George Rooney, an Everton fanatic who works as an engineer in Burscough, an industrial suburb between Liverpool and Wigan, which rarely attracts more than 200 diehards to its little ground.

The draw initially placed the part-timers at home but the Merseyside police were unhappy with facilities for crowd control. So the match was switched to Bramhall Lane

BLYTH SPARTANS v MANSFIELD

RARELY can a team have undergone such a change in fortunes as Blyth Spartans in their run-up to another F.A. Cup giant-killing adventure.

Blyth had Keith Houghton to thank for an equaliser five minutes from time in the last round against Marnie of the Cheshire County League.

In the replay Blyth were far more comfortable . . . turning the tables to triumph 5-0. They seem to specialise in late goals for up until eight minutes from time the score stood at 1-0!

With that hurdle over the Spartans' supporters are once again looking forward to an upset.

Blyth are enjoying their best-ever season in the Northern Premier League and were 11 points clear after just 16 games. Mansfield — you have been warned!

BARKING v OXFORD UNITED

ISTHMIAN League champions Barking must fancy themselves as one of the favourites to triumph over League opposition when they entertain Third Division Oxford United at their tiny Mayesbrook Park ground.

Although they have not captured last season's championship form, the Essex side are a formidable proposition on their own pitch.

The proximity of the spectators, with a limit of 3,000, will help the non-League, who were so confident that they offered to switch the game to Oxford before the F.A. stepped in and refused.

Oxford's recent F.A. Cup form is appalling, with their last victory against York City way back in the Third Round in 1974. And in the last three years they have been knocked out by two non-League clubs, Kettering Town and Nuneaton.

THE MOST sensational post-war away win by a non-League club was by Boston United in 1955. In the Second Round, they hammered Derby County 6-1 at the Baseball Ground and included in their triumphant side five players discarded by Derby!

THERE HAS been no bigger First Round win since the war than Third Division Bristol City's 11-0 eclipse of Chichester in 1960-61. Originally the tie was drawn to be played at Chichester but was switched because of inadequate ground facilities.

WHEN Southend United slammed King's Lynn 9-0 in the First Round in season 1968-69, they couldn't have expected to continue such a scoring output. But in the Second Round they battered Brentwood by . . . 10-1!

PROBABLY the biggest First Round sensation of the Seventies followed a 0-0 draw between Walton and Hertham and Brighton and Hove Albion. In the replay Albion crashed at home 4-0! Their manager was . . . Brian Clough.

YEovil's visit to Enfield marks their 24th post-war appearance in the competition proper. The only other non-League club to have equalled that is Weymouth, whom Yeovil recently knocked out in the final qualifying round.

EVERY First Round brings its crop of sendings-off. Three 'walked' last season, four in the previous campaign and six in 1976-77.

TED McDOUGALL can't hope to match in the tie at Peterborough what he achieved in the 1971-72 First Round. In Bournemouth's 11-0 rout of Margate he helped himself to nine of the goals and that's an all-time record for any player in the club's history.

WHEN Oxford United were drawn at home in the 1963-64 First Round they could hardly have foreseen the fantastic good fortune that was to follow. They fought their way to the sixth round and they were drawn at home again in all the remaining five.

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Chester v Workington . . .
Blackpool v Wigan . . .
Halifax v Scarborough . . .
Walsall v Stockport . . .
Burton Albion v Bury . . .

U.S. ticket

PAT McMAHON, player-manager of Atlanta Chiefs, is hoping to sign an Irish League midfielder before the year.

"We would even be prepared to bring a player out at the end of the Irish season. It would, of course, have to be a transfer under the new regulations and not a loan," he said.

McMahon, a Scot, formerly played for Aston Villa.

● ROY COYLE, ex-Sheffield Wednesday and Grimsby Town half back, has become the longest serving Linfield manager in the post-war era after just four years. His contract runs until 1981.

He would like to see full time professionalism introduced into Northern Ireland. "This must mean an immediate improvement in standards. Professionalism could attract more fans and social clubs can provide the necessary cash" commented Coyle

Manley makes mark

QUEEN'S PARK Rangers, Glasgow Celtic and Sunderland are in the market for 18-year-old Glentoran striker Ron Manley, the new sensation of Irish football.

A former schoolboy international he nearly quit a year ago after missing several training sessions.

"It was a case of depression because I had been going over to England for trials and then being sent home again" said Ron.

He is still interested in playing in England but reckons it would be better to establish himself first in the Irish League. His hat-trick for Northern Ireland against the Republic in the youth international has put him back in the spotlight again.

PRESTON North End and Aberdeen have made enquiries with Ballymena United for midfielder Tony McCall.

Repeated requests for trials with other cross-channel clubs have been rejected by manager Alan Campbell.

His policy is fully supported by the management. They want a straight transfer deal . . . or nothing.

● LINFIELD full back Alan Fraser, confined these days to the Reserves, has no intention of asking for a transfer but if he cannot get a regular first team place by Christmas, he will ask for his future with the club to be discussed.

"I reckon I have at least two or three more years to contribute to senior football" he said.

But with so much cover available at Windsor Park, his comeback chances seem remote.

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Good times again for the player who turned his back on a fortune

WANDERER IS HAPPY AT THE VALLEY

FROM the Southern League and Minehead to the land of luxury and a top club in America. That was the move for a 21-year-old Bristol lad who seemed to have the football world at his feet.

Young Charlton goalkeeper Nicky Johns made the move in a startling matter of months via Second Division football at Millwall. A £200,000 transfer from the Lions to Tampa Bay Rowdies sent Johns on the road to fame and fortune.

"At the age of 21 I was rubbing shoulders with players whose names I had only read about, players I had only seen on television. It was all so unreal that I wondered if the streets of America were paved with gold."

However, the fairy tale story of rags to riches did not quite work out. Johns was unable to come to terms with the American way of selling soccer — so he turned his back on a footballing fortune in the States.

"It is a game full of gimmicks in America and I soon realised that it was not for me" said Johns. "I just wanted to get home and play some honest to goodness English football. The American game is just a money spinner geared towards the supporters with everyone working to promote the next match. The fans are cosseted at the expense of the players."

"Once the club has paid the transfer fee they quickly let you know that you are just a piece of merchandise that they own and are going to market to the fullest possible extent. Players



Nicky Johns . . . rags to riches story didn't quite work out

come a poor second in the American set-up."

If that was a blow to the future of the West Country youngster, life was not so easy even when he came back to England. Johns returned to the UK on loan to Sheffield United, but he found it difficult to settle. He had a few poor games, took a lot of stick from the fans and found himself moving again — to Second Division strugglers Charlton, who were quick to see his potential and paid Tampa Bay £100,000 for his services.

"I had started my football League career with Millwall because Theo Foley, the

Charlton manager, had spotted me when Minehead played Millwall in an early Cup round. At the time, I was not too keen on the idea of moving back to London. Minehead was a good side and had done well in the Cup, but I realised I had to move to further my career."

But for those fans who like a happy ending to their football stories, this is the one they should follow. Although Charlton have been struggling at the wrong end of the Second Division table this season, Johns has been producing the sort of performances you might expect from a First Division goalkeeper.

Players come a poor second in the American set-up

EXETER CITY

'The Grecians'



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The Match Weekly cameraman captures the West Country clubs.

WESTWARD-HO!

TOROUAY UNITED

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IT ALWAYS amazes me that the public and press tend to forget – or fail to identify – the players who are the very cornerstone of football.

I'm talking about the likes of John McGovern. He's captain of the European Champions but for all the credit he gets at times he may as well be playing Sunday football on the local park.

He's the King of the unsung heroes and despite all that he's won in the game with Forest and Derby, he probably would not get the recognition he deserved if he played until he was 90.

But I'll tell you this – show me a successful football side and I'll point out three or four John McGovern's. Without him – and players like him – you can wave success goodbye.

It's perhaps because the players I'm talking about don't capture the glamour that they don't hit the headlines. But you don't see them making back-page or front-page news for the wrong reasons either!



Frank Clark – a model professional. He could still be part of the Forest set up.

A player who will always stand out for me is Frank Clark. It's history now that I got him from Newcastle on a free transfer and he helped us win the League Championship, League Cup and European Cup. But without him in the side or in the squad, winning titles and cups would have been infinitely more difficult.

I think Frank was approaching 32 when I took him away from the North East and at that time I don't think he knew how much he had to offer the game.

But what he won with us before deciding to hang up his

Unsung heroes

They're the key to successful sides



MOORE

boots after the European Cup final put into perspective the contribution he made to Forest and football as a whole.

It staggered me that somebody on the Scottish, Welsh or Irish selection committees did not dig deep enough into the roots of his family tree and come up with some qualification for him playing international football for someone other than England.

If they had done Frank would have gone on to win as many caps as Bobby Moore because not only did he perfect the art of playing left-back, he was the epitome of the model professional.

Frank went on until he was almost 36 and had he wanted to he could still be part of our set-up now.

But there is no way that he could have gone on so long in football if he had not looked after himself early in his career. It's a fact that in football – like farming – you only reap what you sow.

Football is so much more than an hour's training session a day and 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon. It's all about how you take care of yourself, conduct yourself... and so on.

Another player I had on my mind when I decided to write about this subject this week was Ipswich and England full-back Mick Mills.

I've watched him performing down the years and I've never seen anything but total honesty, commitment and dedication whether it be in a blue shirt of Ipswich or a white one of England.

He's been around a long time now but it says much for him that he's still a prominent part of England's plans. On enthusiasm alone he would get in the squad – never mind his skill and pace.

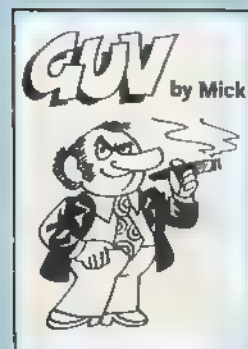
Mills is the type of player I would like to have had serving under me during his career and I can fully appreciate what Bobby Robson thinks of him.

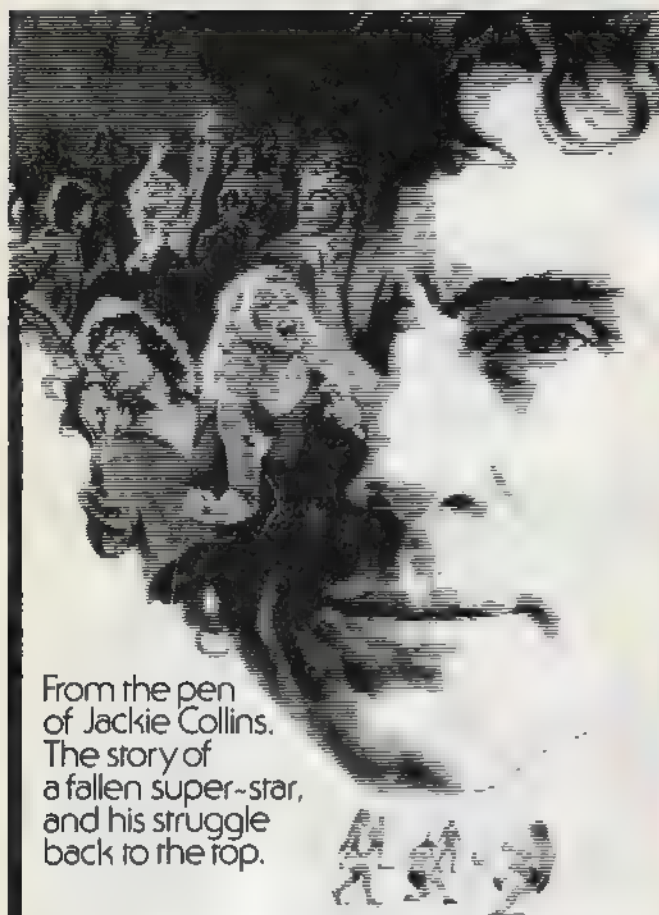
He's had some share of the limelight by picking up England caps but there are others like him who never seem to get any hint of glory. But without them football would be in a sorry mess.



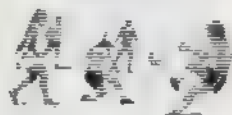
Mick Mills would get into the England squad on enthusiasm alone.

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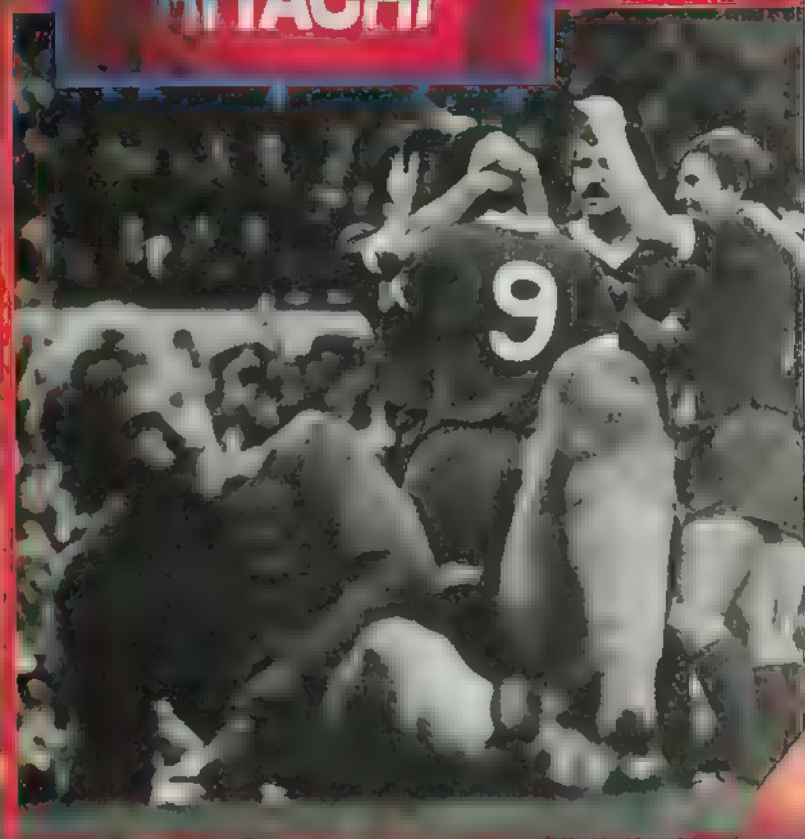
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GOVERNOR Bradshaw, the Wolves keeper, was rejected as Kenny
Delglish (second right) joins in the celebrations with team-mate
McDonald.

GOALS

Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) v Wolves Division One, Anfield, Nov. 3, 1979.

MARVELLOUS teamwork was the hallmark of this goal by Kenny Dalglish made to look simple by the Liverpool machine.

It was the perfect example of scoring quickly on the break. Six players were involved in the move which began with a short goal kick from Ray Clemence to Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson.

Thompson pushed the ball upfield to Phil Neal who turned, looked up and spotted David Johnson unmarked 15 yards inside the Wolves half. Neal's long right foot pass was right to the feet of Johnson who instinctively flicked on a superb first time ball to Terry McDermott, running hard on the blind side of Wolves defender Emlyn Hughes.

McDermott cut into the box and as goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw advanced to narrow the angle he unselfishly slipped a delightful square ball to Dalglish on the penalty spot leaving Kenny with the sort of chance he doesn't miss and he side-footed the ball home past the wrong-footed keeper.

Dalglish told MATCH WEEKLY "I had the easiest job of the lot - I only had to put it away. It was a pleasing goal from the team's point of view.

"I was probably about level with Terry when I made my run. It might have looked a simple goal, but it's a difficult thing to put into practice. It was a great ball from David Johnson to Terry Mac - the credit wants to go to the other lads not to me."

Asked about the pass from McDermott Dalglish quipped: "No it wasn't unselfish - Terry lost his bottle!"

It was the second goal Dalglish scored in the game and his tenth of the season.



HALF TIME

How's your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Radio Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher.

Turn to page 39 for the answers. If you got all 20 correct, you too could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title! Between 10 and 20 correct - you're a pretty knowledgeable fan, well above average. Below 10... keep practising - and read your **MATCH WEEKLY** every week!

1. Which team won the Scottish Division Two in season 1978/79?
2. Name the only club in Britain to have an all-seated stadium.
3. Which man scored a second-half hat-trick on the first day of this season's Football League?
4. Which player scored the most goals in the English Second Division last season?
5. Who was the first Irishman to be voted 'Footballer of the Year' in England?
6. On which grounds do the following play their home games? (a) Blackburn Rovers (b) Cambridge United (c) Morton
7. Which team did Oxford United replace in the Football League in 1962?
8. Which players have scored the most goals for Northern Ireland at full international level?
9. Name the first team to win the English First Division in three successive seasons.
10. From which club did Manchester United sign Steve Coppell?
11. Which club defeated Celtic in the European Cup final in 1970?
12. Which non-League club (now in the Football League) set a record by reaching the first round proper of the F.A. Cup for 21 consecutive seasons?
13. Which British club did Chelsea defeat in the semi-final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1971?
14. Alfredo di Stefano played international football for three different countries, two of which were Spain and Argentina. Name the third.
15. Name the last man to score in every round of the F.A. Cup.
16. Name the first man to be sent off in the English Football League this season.
17. Name the club which won all its home games in season 1929/30, the only time this has been achieved.
18. Who was known as the Lion of Vienna?
19. Which club provided the England half-back line in an international against Russia in 1958?
20. Who scored the first goal in an F.A. Cup final at Wembley?



Here's a clue to question 3

FOOTBALL PUZZLE

MANY English and Scottish League football grounds have names which are similar to each other. For example, THE DEN and DENS PARK. Here are lists of 10 grounds and the teams which play at them. Can you match them up... without mixing them up?

- 1 - Annfield Park
- 2 - Anfield Road
- 3 - Ayresome Park
- 4 - Somerset Park
- 5 - Somerton Park
- 6 - Gay Meadow
- 7 - Gayfield Park
- 8 - Fir Park
- 9 - Firs Park
- 10 - Firhill Park

- A - East Stirling
- B - Stirling Albion
- C - Ayr United
- D - Shre'bury Town
- E - Arbroath
- F - Motherwell
- G - Liverpool
- H - Newport Cou'ty
- I - Partick Thistle
- J - Middlesbrough

Solution on page 39.

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Across

1. With his sort of name he could only play for Luton! (3,6)
6. High scorer for Q.P.R.
8. Does steel rice make this team what it is? (anagram)
10. Home of the O's.
11. Chelsea Mike.
12. Villa midfielder previously with Walsall.
14. Is the net bent when he

strikes for the Citizens? (anagram)

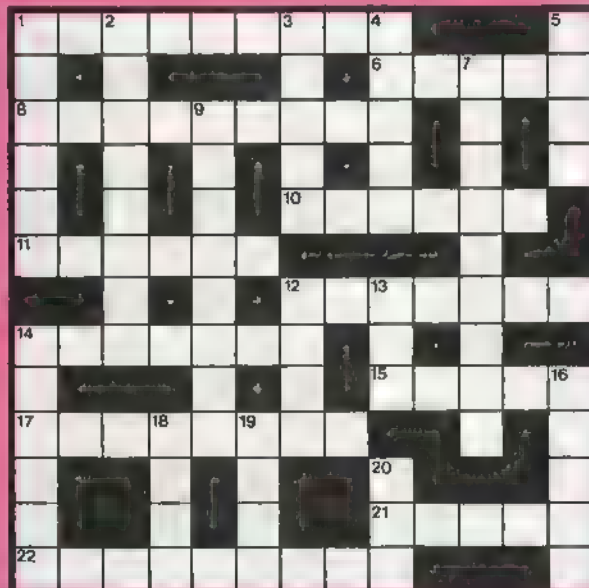
15. Doncaster player signed from Celtic in August.
17. Sealey, Hutchinson, Wallace, Coop & Co.
21. Musical chairman who can also be found in 12 across.
22. Their colours are black and white shirts, black shorts and black and white stockings.

Down

1. Burden Park Wanderers.
2. Sussex Seagulls.
3. The sort of control any team likes to have over its opponents.
4. Dundee United man who's No. 434 in the 'Football 79/80' album.
5. Blair, Gray or Lynch?
7. Team whose local airport has staked a claim to fame in recent months! (5,4)
9. Cup won by Nottm. Forest

in 1979 and by Liverpool in '77 and '78.

12. Such a player can be sold for a million or more these days.
13. Strangely enough, it may be chosen at the beginning of a match!
14. United's magic Martin.
16. Villa player who sounds Welsh - though he hails from Dunfermline.
18. Steele-man at Watford.
19. Cup matches.
20. Spurs' striker previously with Bristol City and Torquay.



Crossword compiled by Fred Dellar

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

IT IS a mystery to me why Tony Currie has not established himself as England's midfield general for the past six or seven years.

He has so much talent, so much ability, I cannot understand why it has not all come together for him in the shape of at least 40 England caps. But on his day he can look out on his own as we have found to our cost on several occasions when Tony was a Leeds' player.

Ray Wilkins, of Manchester United, the player I have chosen to compare with him is slightly different. He is a very much capped player for his age and I feel is still learning the game and trying to establish himself.

He matured quickly at Chelsea — he had to, they made him club captain at 18. But I never felt that at

Stamford Bridge he was as dominant as a player of his capabilities should have been.

Since his move to Old Trafford, his play has matured even more. At Chelsea he played tucked in behind the strikers and tended to want to hit killer passes every time, but now he appears to be mixing his game up more and playing percentage passes.

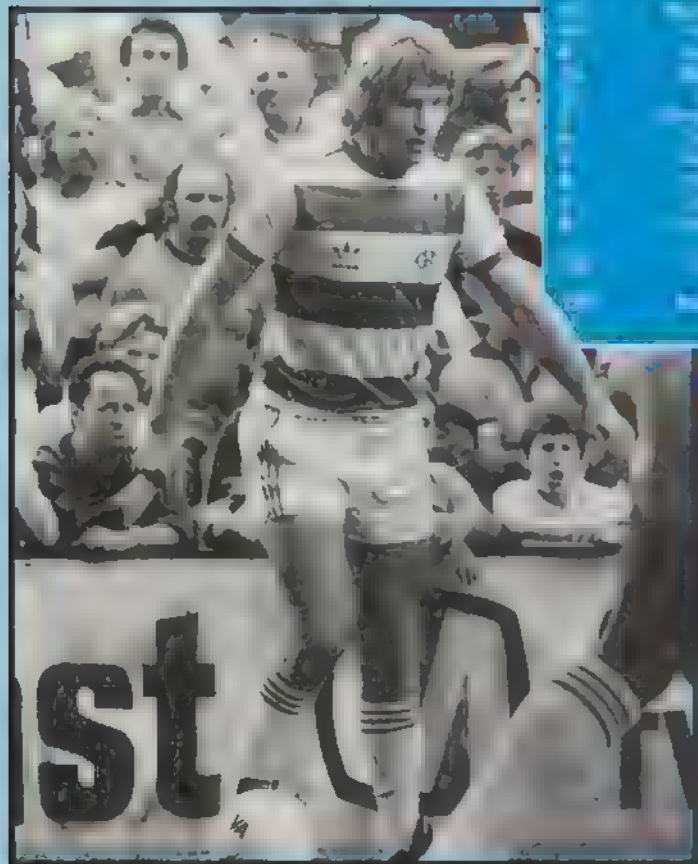
Currie is the sort of player who can take the ball from one end of the field to the other. He is tremendously strong and screens the ball so well, and is very hard to shake off it.

Little to choose between the two on shooting, both are good strikers of a ball but they don't score that many.

Tony gets my vote on passing, ball control and on his right side, it's hard to fault him. He shows super vision, too, hitting the most telling passes in that lazy way of his.

You don't associate any histrionics with Wilkins, he's

Tony Currie . . . proving a great favourite with the Q.P.R. crowd, leading them to new glory days.



WILKINSON



Ray Wilkins . . . In action here on his United debut at Southampton.

very correct, so I'll mark him up on his temperament. With Currie it has been a problem over the years, though it's hard to say whether blowing kisses to the crowd is a sign of a bad temperament!

His stamina is tied up with his temperament, too. If he feels like it, he'll run all day for you, but as for speed, it's got to be Wilkins, because of those good runs he makes for England.

The same goes for the pair of them in the teamwork category. Wilkins' constant selection for England shows he suits the team style, whereas with Currie it seems all dependent on his mood. If he makes his mind up he's ten out of ten, but on the whole he's worth eight at the most.

Having said that, I must admit I'm a Currie fan, always have been and if his ankle injury doesn't keep him away from the game, I'm sure he can lead Tommy Docherty's talented young side back into the First Division.

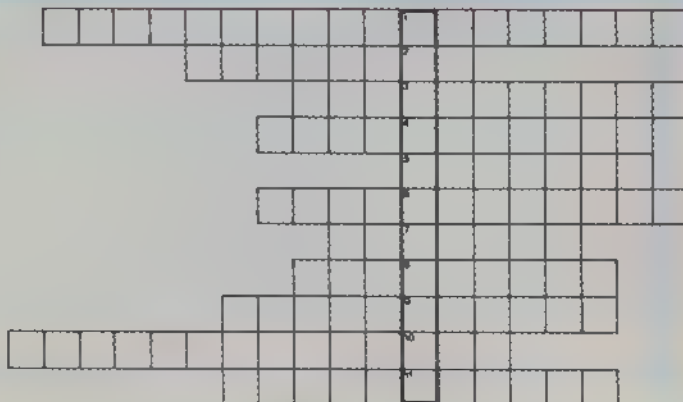
● Next week I'll be announcing the first winner of my competition in which I asked you to suggest nominations for analysis.

In the last training sessions we had before our ill fated League Cup trip to Norwich, the West Brom lads sat down and autographed six blue and white panelled leather footballs and one will be sent to each of the lucky winners. See you next week . . .

SOCCER SEARCH

When you have filled in the answers to the clues below on the grid on the right, the name of a real football favourite will be spelled out between the heavy black lines (squares 1-11).

1. This man can Lord it in Malta.
2. Wolves' silver (Gray) lining.
3. No. 4 plays for this team.
4. Can be found at The Dell.
5. Home and away for No. 9.
6. One of Nottm. Forest's European Champions.
7. Arch enemy of No. 8.
8. This place has two cathedrals as well as two teams.
9. Like 'Mighty Mouse' he packs a kick.
10. He may be at home holidaying in Argentina.
11. Joe Jordan's friendly enemy.



match action

MAIN PICTURE: Gary Barty plucks a cross from the heads of City's Tommy Booth (6) and Tony Henry, scorer of the opening goal, in Manchester City's 2-0 win last week over Manchester United. Looking on are Kevin Moran (6), Stuart Houston (red), City's Dave Bennett.

INSET LEFT: Sammy McIlroy sets up in support of another United attack, with Ray Wilkins close behind and Ashley Grin in the background.

INSET RIGHT: Mick Robinson, scorer of City's second goal, watches a challenge from Houston, watched by Mickey Thom.

Pictures by Duncan Cubitt





Utter rubbish

I DISAGREE with Brian Clough's suggestion that football should be taken off TV (*MATCH*, Nov. 1). It is the only way that some people can see their favourite teams.

Fans who have to work on Saturday afternoons or who live too far from the ground have no chance of seeing their team. And in the case of international matches, even more would miss out.

As for TV being detrimental to football, that is utter rubbish. It can, in fact, be very useful for players to see where they made mistakes. I feel that TV performs a valuable service and that Jimmy Hill should be backed to the end.

Andrew Santer, Selly Oak, Birmingham

Think again, Brian

SO Brian Clough thinks football should come off TV. Does he know that some people - e.g., the elderly, the crippled and the young - cannot go to live matches. And some will not go because they cannot afford it or because of the violence.

These people should be allowed the privilege of watching a game in their own home. Players also think twice before committing a deliberate foul if they know it will be highlighted on TV.

Sandra Goodwin, Sudbury, Suffolk.



Hill is blinded

I AGREE with Brian Clough (*MATCH*, Nov. 1) when he says that action replays on TV ruin the game. I think Jimmy Hill is wrong to criticise where he shouldn't.

With no TV football the gates would be higher because lazy people wouldn't be able to find the excuse that 'football is on the box tonight so I won't go to the game'.

I go to all the Ipswich home matches and as many away games as I can. I know that it is unlikely they will be on 'Match of the Day' because Jimmy Hill is biased against Ipswich - and because of this I am biased against him.

Ruth Widdowson, Ipswich.

● Poor old Jimmy, he'd certainly come bottom of your popularity poll, Ruth. If you'd like to disagree with his column this week you'll find it on page 9.

TERRACE TALK

Old and new

I THINK it would be great to see a game between a team of veterans managed by Liverpool's Bob Paisley and a team of youngsters managed by Crystal Palace boss Terry Venables. My teams would be:

Veterans - Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Pat Rice (Arsenal), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Emlyn Hughes (Wolves), Dave Watson (Southampton), Martin Peters (Norwich), Ian Bowyer (Forest), John McGovern (Forest), Phil Boyer (Southampton), Jimmy Greenhoff (Man. Utd.), Alan Ball (Southampton) and Terry Yorath (Spurs).

Youngsters - Steve Murcott (Coventry), Colin Irwin

(Liverpool), Kenny Sansom (Crystal Palace), Billy Wright (Everton), Tommy Caton (Man. City), Steve Mackenzie (Man. City), Gary Mills (Forest), Bryan Robson (W.B.A.), Justin Fashanu (Norwich), David Geddis (Aston-Villa), Alan Brazil (Ipswich) and Wayne Clarke (Wolves).

I wonder who would win.

Andrew Cooper, Westons, Northampton.

● IT would certainly be an interesting clash, Andrew, though I think my money would be on the veterans' old heads and experience overcoming their opponents' youth and exuberance.

Mickey duly slotted the penalty away but had to take it again because the referee was booking a player for dissent and didn't see the kick. Mickey's next effort was well saved by Paul Cooper.

But after the match Jimmy Hill said Mickey had dived. The player reacted strongly by denying that he was a cheat but the TV accusation so affected his confidence that Ashley Grimes has now taken over as the team's penalty taker.

I just hope Jimmy Hill is pleased with himself for ruining Mickey's confidence. I wish he would keep his remarks to himself.

Wayne Smith, Horspath, Oxford.

● STRONG stuff, Wayne - and just as we did with Jimmy Hill, we have given you the chance to have your say. But let's not kid ourselves that Jimmy's remarks had anything to do with Mickey's decision to stop taking penalties. Despite having to take that kick again, Mickey should have scored - and he would be the first to tell you so. Having missed one penalty, many players prefer not to chance their arm again.

Stop moaning

ALTHOUGH I'm a girl and boys say I have no place in football, I am a regular supporter of Nottingham Forest, come rain or shine. What troubles me is the way everyone criticises John McGovern. Why is this?

John is always in the thick of things, whether Forest are attacking or defending. And if he isn't so good why is he captain of the European Champions? I think he is a good touch footballer.

Samantha Hart, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

● THE man himself, Brian Clough, agrees with you Samantha. He tells *MATCH WEEKLY* readers why John is an asset to any team in this week's Clough column on page 15.

Saving time

WHEN will soccer take a leaf out of rugby football's book by relieving the referee from his 'clock-watching' distractions? In rugby, like boxing, an outside timekeeper is responsible for clocking all stoppages and for checking full- and half-times accurately, which are signalled by hooters. The referee is left free to give 100 per cent concentration to the rules of the game.

Michael Mann, Bradford, West Yorks.

Disgusting fans

AS A Newport County supporter I was disgusted when I travelled to watch my team at Fratton Park, Portsmouth. When Newport went on to the pitch they were jeered and booed by 20,000 Portsmouth fans. And when our leading scorer, Howard Goddard, was stretchered off with a broken leg the Pompey fans cheered!

Just what is the matter with some supporters today?

P. Reynolds, Newport, Gwent.

Well struck!

I RECENTLY read that in a Fourth Division game, a Tranmere spectator actually struck a Bournemouth player because Bournemouth were so dull and boring.

As a keen York supporter, I looked forward to our meeting with Bournemouth. The game, which ended 1-1, was a complete non-event, simply because Bournemouth weren't interested in playing entertaining football.

So I sympathise with that Tranmere supporter. It's teams like this who are killing the game for spectators. Bournemouth may have been happy with their precious away point, which moved them up the table, but I think I speak for a lot of others when I say I would rather see entertaining football in the lower regions of the League than have my team bore its way up the table.

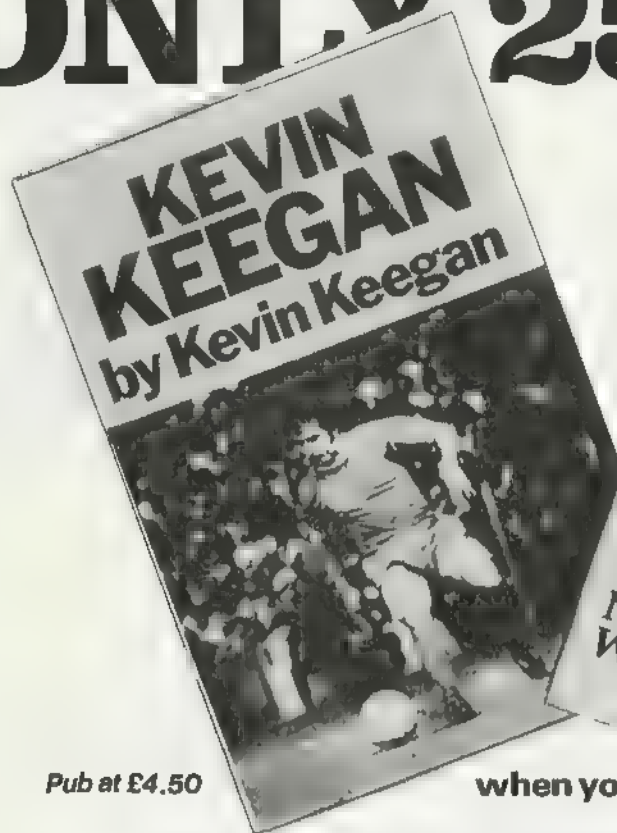
Brian Talbot, York.

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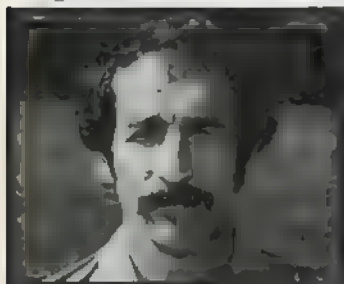
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POST TODAY

Hatton finds goal touch again..

LUTON TOWN are now promising to return to the First Division after a five-year absence. And this is no idle threat, for the 'Hatters' have blazed to the top with a brand of exciting cultured football that has left such illustrious contenders as Leicester City, Newcastle, Birmingham, Sunderland, Chelsea, West Ham United and Q.P.R. trailing in their wake



Bob Hatton

With the League programme reaching the quarter-way stage, no club in the top two divisions had scored more than Luton — 27 goals in 14 games — a fact that delighted their young manager David Pleat, who likes his team to entertain. He is the first to admit that one of the major factors in this goal-scoring spree has been the return to form of that much-travelled striker Bob Hatton.

At 32, the veteran of over 450 Football League appearances with Wolverhampton Wanderers, Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle, Birmingham City, Blackpool and now Luton Town, he notched his 164th League goal at Cambridge this month, to set Luton on the way to their eighth win of the season.

It was a typical piece of clinical finishing from the thick-set striker who played a one-two with Alan West, then shrugged off the attentions of two defenders to curl a left-footed shot just inside the far post.

He moved to Luton from Blackpool for £50,000 in the summer of 1978 and made 41 League appearances for 'Town' last season. Yet he was not able to capture the form that had brought him 32 goals in 75 games for the seashiders and 58 goals in 170 outings for Birmingham City. Bob did finish the season with 11 League goals and 2 in the League Cup, but by his standards this was far from satisfactory.

This season started slowly for the Yorkshireman as well, as he did not get off the mark until the fifth competitive game of the season, when he scored in Luton's 2-1 home win over Orient, on August 25.

The goals began to flow after that, culminating in a brilliant hat-trick against Bristol Rovers last October. Poor old Bristol... they were on the receiving end of another Hatton three-goal trick when he was with Blackpool, with whom he scored four hat-tricks in one season.

But that latest performance against Rovers was so spectacular that referee Bob Daniels looked the Luton striker up before he left the ground, to say: "Well done Bob, that was a cracking game you played tonight. It really was marvellous."

Such is the respect that this experienced campaigner commands. A modest man, he

attributes his return to the goal standard as "a touch of lady luck." But, of course, there is far more to being a natural finisher than that.

Of Hatton, Luton boss David Pleat says: "First of all he is a good professional. He has a strong will and determination to play at as high a level in the game as possible and the only way to do that is work hard at your game. Bob knows that and works extremely well."

"I don't push him too hard in training. We rest him and work him like a racehorse really. His strength is the power in his body and hard

work. He needs to be sharp. We look for his explosive attitude on a Saturday afternoon and that is why he must be kept mentally and physically fresh."

Just why Bob Hatton has suddenly found his appetite for scoring again — or should we say why he had an unrewarding period — remains one of those enigma's that befall all strikers.

The player himself explains it this way: "This season things have gone a little better. I have found that indefinable something, that is the difference between scoring and not scoring."



Bob Hatton — his return to form has been a major factor in Luton Town's goal-scoring onslaught on Division Two.

...But for Steve the hunt goes on!



STEVE HUNT has played alongside the world's best. He has changed alongside Pele, Beckenbauer and Chinaglia, yet ask him his greatest ambition and he replies: "Right now, to score a goal."

The very mention of the word goal brings a wince to the Coventry winger's face. The reason? He has now gone 16 matches for the Sky Blues without finding the net and that, for Steve, is the most barren spell of his career so far.

"It is unexplainable," says the voluble Brummie. "I am playing the best and most consistent soccer football of my career since I returned from the States, yet I cannot seem to hit the net."

And the longer the barren spell drags on the more his confidence sags.

But a man who can turn his back on a contract of film star proportions to prove that he has what it takes in the First Division will surely overcome this latest hurdle in his climb to the top.

Steve began his career from school with Aston Villa but at the age of 20 he took the bold

gamble of signing for New York Cosmos.

"I found myself training and playing with Pele, Franz Beckenbauer and Georgia Chinaglia who were absolutely marvellous to work with. I stayed two years with Cosmos and they were a marvellous experience for me."

Steve was so successful — he banged in 20 goals a season — that the New Yorkers made him their favourite above the superstars playing around him.

He stayed in a Hollywood-style penthouse suite and Cosmos offered him an astronomical contract to stay.

"It was a big contract and it would have set me up for life. I was very tempted," he admits. But ambition to make the grade in the English First Division drove him to reject the Cosmos' offer.

"I have never regretted returning, because I think I have gone some way to proving to myself that I can make it. Anyway I haven't turned my back on America. I think there will be a time when I will go back, but for the moment I want to start scoring goals."

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Partners who keep
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THE basis of Celtic's incredible success in the 1960s was the defensive pairing of skipper Billy McNeill and the cool, calm and collected John Clark.

It has also become the blueprint of their plans for the 1980s.

It was a combination that helped the famous Glasgow club to their European Cup triumph in 1967 and a record-breaking nine League titles in a row.

And in a two-year managerial partnership they already have one League title under their belts and have reached the last eight in the European Cup.

During the tremendous run of success Celtic enjoyed under the guidance of Jock Stein a lot of the responsibility was shared by captain Billy McNeill but never too far from his side was the quiet, thoughtful and constructive Clark.

Nowadays the recipe for success remains the same.

Said McNeill: "Both John and I signed for Celtic at the same time. I soon discovered that while we had entirely different temperaments, our view of the game coincided on many points.

"When I got the job as manager of Aberdeen I realised it was too big for one man. I wanted someone with me and John was the obvious choice.

"The coach at Pittodrie at that time was George Murray but he had other ambitions in the game. When he decided to join a Norwegian club I had no hesitation in asking John to join me.

"When I was asked to return to Celtic Park as boss it was logical he should come with me."

While the trend in England is to operate with a two-man set-up as Clough and Taylor, Neill and Howe, it is not so popular in Scotland. Aberdeen have Alex Ferguson and Pat Stanton and Morton have Benny Rooney and Mike Jackson. But the real pacesetters are McNeill and Clark, who have very quickly rescued the ailing Celtic and kept them in front on the Scottish

Following their League championship win last year, Celtic now find themselves among the big shots in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

They got there thanks to beating the Albanian side Partizan Tirana and an uneasy 3-2 win over Irish champions Dundalk.

Now it's on to the last eight with big names like Real Madrid, Ajax, Nottingham Forest and SV Hamburg.

"Against Dundalk we were not as convincing as I would have liked," adds Billy. "And against teams like Dundalk you are on a hiding to nothing."

"Now that we have reached the last eight a tie against any one of the other clubs will provide its own motivations."

In his quest to add to Celtic's success story, McNeill has already spent big money by Scottish standards. He paid £120,000 to sign Davie Provan from Kilmarnock, £100,000 to sign Murdo



Billy McNeill - his partnership with assistant manager John Clark at Parkhead has been a key factor in putting Celtic back among the honours



Dom Sullivan - one of McNeill's expensive new signings

MacLeod from Dumbarton and £90,000 to take Dom Sullivan from Aberdeen.

And he is not finished yet. Immediately on his return from Dundalk McNeill made it clear his next target is a striker - probably the speedy Jim Melrose of Partick Thistle.

Straight and narrow

DISCIPLINARY problem
No. 1...

Partick Thistle full-back George Mackie has walked out on the club but manager Bertie Auld is playing it cool by saying he'll wait till the player returns before taking further action.

DISCIPLINARY problem
No. 2...

St. Johnstone have dropped midfield player Johnny Hamilton from the first-team pool for failing to turn up for training.

In both cases you don't pay your money but you take your choice...

Scotland WILL go to Belfast

SCOTLAND will play Northern Ireland in Belfast in their World Cup qualifying tie due on October 14, 1981.

The Scots have refused to play in Belfast since 1970 because of the violence in the province but have now decided not to risk the wrath of FIFA.

They will now fall into line with the other European nations, including England, who have recently played at Windsor Park.

Still uncertain, however, is where the British championship match on May 17 next will be played.

It is Ireland's home game, which on the past four occasions has been played at Hampden.

This time, however, Scotland are anxious to get a pre-World Cup look at Windsor Park — a ground which will be new to most of the current Scottish side.

Crunch talks on big clash

IT'S CRUNCH time for the biennial clash between England and Scotland at Wembley.

The Scottish F.A. meet their English counterparts in Glasgow on December 20 to discuss the future of the British championship match, which has been thrown into doubt because of the bad behaviour of the Scottish fans.

Ever since the tartan hordes rampaged across Wembley in 1977, tearing up the turf and pulling down the goal posts, followed by some disgraceful conduct before and after the game earlier this year, the soccer bosses are determined it will not happen again.

There have been suggestions that the match should be scrapped altogether — but this can be discounted because of the huge financial success it invariably is for the F.A., who can pull in as much as half a million pounds from the fixture.

The final outcome is more likely to be an attempt to tighten up on the ticket distribution in an effort to prevent too many Scots from descending on London.

But knowing the ingenuity of the Scottish fans, the plan will need to be an exceptional one.

Hands off McLeish!



ABERDEEN manager, Alex Ferguson has given a 'hands off' warning to Arsenal boss Terry Neil, who has his eyes fixed on the Dons' young midfield player Alex McLeish. Says Fergie: "I am building for the future and Alex is very much part of it. He is only 20 but my plans are based on him. No way is he going to Arsenal or anywhere else." Neil has also indicated he is keen on Pittodrie striker Steve Archibald and Celtic winger David Provan — but he is not getting much encouragement on either of them.

Exchange is no Robb-ery!

NEIGHBOURING Angus clubs Forfar Athletic and Brechin City have agreed to a player-exchange deal involving Forfar midfielder Atholl Henderson and Brechin striker Ronnie Robb.

Twenty-two year old Henderson has been a regular in the Station Park team this season. He has had previous experience with Dunfermline, St. Johnstone, and Celtic.

Ronnie Robb has been out of the City team and at his own request, has been placed on the transfer list.

It is understood that there is also a cash settlement in Brechin's favour.

Pettigrew: Home at last



HOUSE hunting is now a thing of the past for Dundee United's £100,000 striker Willie Pettigrew.

After a great deal of searching in the Dundee area, the former Motherwell player has bought a house in the adjoining town of Monifieth, where many other Dundee United players are in residence. He intends to move in next month.

This is one flitting that Willie is looking forward to. It will mean an end to the long daily trips from the West of Scotland for training stints at Tannadice.

match makers

BRIAN LITTLE

Aston Villa

FULL NAME Brian Little

BIRTHPLACE/DATE Newcastle, Nov 26, 1953

HEIGHT/WEIGHT 5ft 8½ins, 11st 2lbs

MARRIED: Yes to Heather

CHILDREN None

CAR BMW 316

PREVIOUS CLUBS None

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Apprentice

CLUB NICKNAME None

WORST EVER INJURY Cartilage which needed an operation, and put me out for 4½ months in 1976/78

FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER George Best – so much natural skill

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM Newcastle United

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY Johan Cruyff – brilliant on the ball

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM Liverpool

MY ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI Banks, McGrain, Cooper, Beckenbauer, Watson, Charlton B., Cruyff, Rivelino, Best, Law, Pele

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND Highbury

FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED Barcelona, for Villa in a UEFA Cup tie

BEST GOAL SCORED A 35-yarder against Manchester United at Old Trafford about two years ago

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED Glenn Hoddle for

Spurs in League Cup against Man Utd. White

Hart Lane this season. (Recently featured in

MATCH Golden Goals)

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT Paul Madeley

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH League Cup semi

final against Q.P.R. when I scored a hat-trick

1976/77

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL My first full

cap for England when I came on as a substitute and

also when Villa beat Liverpool to win the FA Youth

Cup and I got two goals

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT Being picked for

England Under-21, then missing the match through

injury

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS Golf, horse racing

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES Watching TV, walking my

dog in the country, odd jobs

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES Being out of the

game

FAVOURITE TV Detective programmes

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF Crossroads

FAVOURITE READING Detective stories

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER Elton John

FAVOURITE FOOD Roast beef and Yorkshire

pudding

FAVOURITE DRINK Lager

BEST COUNTRY VISITED Holland

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS Clint Eastwood,

Diana Rigg

BEST FRIEND John Gidman

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER Frank Upton

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Getting injured

SUPERSTITIONS None

PRE-MATCH MEAL Boiled fish

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS One full England cap

(sub)

PERSONAL AMBITION To be reasonably successful

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION To be on a winning FA

Cup final side

CAREER AFTER PLAYING Go into business

probably something to do with cars

PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES Garry Shaw, Aston

Villa

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET Royalty

at FA Cup final

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS Listen to all the advice

you are given by older professionals

Brian Little



Fun-the art of training

ONE of the questions I am constantly asked by schoolboys and amateur players alike is what is the best type of training for people who play on Saturday and Sunday and who train twice a week

Now I am not really qualified to answer this as I believe that like a good wine a football coach matures with age.

The more experienced a coach becomes, the better he can sense the mood of his players and train them accordingly. Our taskmaster at Old Trafford is Tommy Cavanagh who prides himself on his own ability to understand the feelings of players. He is, in fact, very much an amateur psychologist and is helped by having been a player himself. He has gone through an apprenticeship of playing in good and bad sides so he can read the moods of players.

The problem of training at professional level was highlighted for me last weekend. On the coach drive to Maine Road for the derby match, Trevor Francis was on the radio saying that life at Forest was made more attractive by the number of days off that Brian Clough gives his players. Whereas on Sunday I was reading that John Bond was saying that players do not work hard or long enough to perfect their skills.

These two managers are widely respected men who have contrasting views, so who's right?

Since I have been at Old Trafford we have been advocates of Brian Clough's way with days off being a regular part of our training routine. If we are playing twice a week, especially in bad weather, then often our training will only last 45 minutes and consists of a warm-up and a hectic five-a-side.



This is obviously not catering for John Bond's call for more technique training but it is ideally suited to our climate and our crowded playing schedule

This point is the crux of the matter, the number of games a footballer plays in this country does not leave a great deal of time for concentrated practice or rather the recovery from such practice. All amateur players realise that training can be tiring and like a boxer who leaves his aggression in the gym, a player often leaves all his strength out on the training pitch.

English League players today are expected to play about 60 games in the course of an 11-month period whereas in Germany or Italy the season rarely lasts more than 40 games. This leaves much more time for repetitive training practice. They often train morning and afternoon early in the week leaving plenty of time for rest later on Thursday and Friday and this explains why they are acclaimed as being more technically correct than our players

During my first 18 months at Old Trafford I only trained in Manchester with the team on a Tuesday. The rest of the week I had to cram in training when and wherever I could between my University studies. Again sometimes I only trained for 30 minutes.

Because I was training by myself I was always on the move and during that half-hour session I did as much physical work as an hour's training in a group.

So if amateur players have two matches a week on



Tommy Cavanagh... our coach at United. He knows from experience how to get the best out of the players. Here he is with Joe Jordan, who has been battling to get fit again.

Saturday and Sunday and also train on two evenings a week then they are probably putting as much time in as some top professionals

My advice to you lads who play in the local Leagues is do any type of training you like - I'd always recommend plenty of activity with the ball - as long as it's interesting, fun, and fairly hectic. Interest is the key factor.

Monotony and boredom can make training a chore rather than a chance for players to experiment and express themselves and this is just as important for amateurs as it is for professionals.

It's a hectic time for me at present, with testimonials, dinners, and an international against Bulgaria. I'll tell you more about my busy schedule next week. See you then...

Steve Coppell



Two of Q.P.R.'s young stars Clive Allen and Glen Roeder enjoying their training. Tommy Docherty keeps them on their toes now, just as he did with us at Old Trafford.

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"I'M CONFIDENT I can score goals in the First Division," says Ray Clarke, Brighton's £200,000 signing from Bruges. "You've got to think that way. If you have a lean spell and you start worrying where the next goal is going to come from, you'll blow your mind."

"To be a successful striker, you've got to believe in yourself."

That's just the kind of open optimism that Brighton need — and manager Alan Mullery warms to Clarke's attitude.

"When I signed Ray our regular strikers, Peter Ward and Ted Maybank, hadn't scored in the League since September 1 and that was seven weeks too long for me," Alan explains. "We badly needed somebody to come in and score some goals for us. That's why I bought Ray."

"I knew him when he was a youngster with Spurs. He never really got his chance in the first-team there, but you've got to remember he was competing with players like Greaves and Gilzean. It wasn't easy and I think moving to Swindon was the best thing he ever did. He got his chance there, and later with Mansfield, to show his flair for scoring goals."

"He was leading goal-scorer for Sparta Rotterdam and Ajax, before moving on to Bruges, where he scored four goals in six games just before he joined us."

Right now, every point is precious for Mullery's side and

Hungry for goals

That sums up Brighton's new hero in the making

goals are like gold dust at the Goldstone.

"But to be honest I haven't given relegation a thought," says Ray. "As soon as you walk into the club you can feel how good the team spirit is. There's plenty of laughing and joking,

but there's a determination among the players, too.

Nobody's walking around with their heads down about being at the foot of the League. Everyone's optimistic. I think a lot of that stems from the manager."

Clarke says he's come back from Holland and Belgium with a better general knowledge of the game. "They have a different tactical view over there and different training methods and maybe these are things I can help the club with. They're skill crazy in Europe," he says.

"In training, they nearly always work with the ball. Even if you're just running, you've got a ball at your feet. Everything is geared towards improving your close control and ball skills."

If Ray can turn that skill into goals, Alan Mullery will be a happy man. "I love scoring," Ray says. "That's my biggest aim in any match. I can be in a side that's won 4-0 and come off feeling annoyed with myself for not getting on the score sheet. But a 1-0 win will keep me smiling... as long as I've hit the winner."

If Ray Clarke can satisfy his appetite in the First Division with Brighton, the Sussex seaside town will have a new hero.



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- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money



Monday, Nov. 12

Division Four

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Beamish 10)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Wright 54)
 Att 2,140
 Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 6
 Flood 5, Bramhall 6, Edwards 5,
 Evans 6, O'Neill 8, Craven 5, Kerr 5
 (sub Lumby 5), ★**BEAMISH** 7,
 Peppow 6
 Port Vale: Dance 6, Keenan 6,
 Griffiths 6, ★**BEECH** 8, Bowles 6,
 Sproson 8, Woolfall 5 (sub
 Chamberlain 5), Farrell 6, Wright 6
 James 5, Bentley 6
 Referee: G Nolan (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Nov. 13

LEAGUE CUP Fourth Round Replay

ARSENAL (2) 4 (Stapleton 4, 40
 Vaessen 51, 78)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att 30,351
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 8,
 Nelson 7, Taibot 7, O'Leary 8, Young
 7, Brady 8, ★**VAESSEN** 9, Stapleton
 8, Price 7, Rix 8
 Brighton: Moseley 6, Rollings 6,
 ★**CATTLIN** 7, Horton 6, Foster 6,
 Stevens 6, Geard 5 (sub Ryan 6),
 Paskett 5, Clarke 6, Clark 6
 O'Sullivan 6
 Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse,
 Glos.)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division One

EVERTON (4) 5 (Latchford 4, 22, 43
 Kadd 6, Hart, c.j. 83)
LEEDS (0) 1 (Hird 47)
 Att 22,500
 Everton: Hodge 6, Gidman 7, Bailey
 8, Wright 7, Higgins 7, Ross 6,
 Hartford 8, Stanley 8, ★**LATCHFORD**
 9 (sub Lyons 6), Kidd 7, King 5
 Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 5, Stevenson
 5, Greenhoff 6, Hart 6, ★**MADELEY**
 8, Hird 7, Entwistle 5, Hamson 6,
 Curtis 7, Gray 7
 Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price 34)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
 Att 5,286
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Young 7,
 Armstrong 6, Overton 7, Weatherley
 6, ★**CRABBE** 8, Nicholl 6, Bruce 6,
 Price 7, Westwood 6 (sub Funnell),
 Richardson 7
 Southend: Cawston 7, Dudley 7,
 Moody 6, Hadley 6, Pountney 7, Stead
 6, Otulakowski 7, Tuohy 6, Parker 6,
 Nelson 6 (sub Hull), ★**GRAY** 8,
 Referee: H. R. Robinson (Suffolk)
 Match Rating: ★★



No joy for Tony Woodcock in his last game for Forest before his £650,000 move to Cologne. He was taken off at half-time to make way for Ian Bowyer.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

LEAGUE CUP Fourth Round Replay

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 3
 (O'Neill 11, Anderson 42, Woodcock
 62)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att 20,462
 Nottingham Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7
 Gray 8, McGovern 8, Lloyd 8
 Needham 7, O'Neill 8 (sub Bowyer 6)
 Francis 8, ★**BIRTLES** 9, Woodcock 8
 Robertson 8
 Bristol City: Shaw 6, Sweeney 6, Hay
 5, Mabbitt 7, Kenyon 5, ★**MERRICK**
 8, Fitzpatrick 7, Ritchie 6, Royle 6
 (sub Gilles 5), Mann 5, Tainton 6
 Referee: J. B. Worrall (Cheshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Frost 29, Fillery 76)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Holland 25)
 Att 30,859
 Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 6, Sparrow
 6, Bumstead 6, Droy 7, Chivers 6
 Britton 7, Fillery 7, ★**FROST** 8,
 Walker 6, Harris 7
 West Ham: Ferguson 6, Stewart 6,
 Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 6
 Holland 7, Allen 6, Devonshire 6,
 Cross 6, ★**BROOKING** 8, Neighbour
 6
 Referee: R. Challis (Tonbridge)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford 22)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
 Att 5,955
 Blackburn: Arnold 7, Branigan 6,
 Morley 6, Kendall 7, ★**KEELEY** 8,
 Fazackerley 7, Brotherton 6,
 Crawford (Andy) 7, Craig 6, McKenzie
 7, Metcalfe 6
 Chesterfield: ★**TINGAY** 8, Tarti 6
 O'Neill 6, Ridley 7, Green 7, Kowalski
 6, Birch 7, Moss 6, Walker 6,
 Salmons 7, Crawford (Alan) 6
 Referee: F. Phipps (Wrexham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP Quarter Final, Second Leg

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Priest 87)
HAMILTON (0) 0
 (Dundee win 3-2 on aggregate)
 Att 5,696
 Dundee: Donaldson 7, Barr 7
 Turnbull 5 (sub Shirra 7), Millar 6,
 ★**GLENNE** 8, McGeachie 7, Fletcher
 5, McLaren 6, Priest 6, Sinclair 6
 Murphy 6 (sub Davidson 5)



Two goals from Chesterfield's Ernie Moss in his side's runaway 7-1 home win over Reading, who opened the scoring after three minutes through Kearns

Hamilton: Ferguson 7, Fraw 8, Young
 7, Gormley 7, McDougall 7,
 ★**ALEXANDER** 8, Fairlie 7, Graham
 7, Howie 6 (sub McGrogan 6),
 McCulloch 6, Wright 7
 Referee: I. M. D. Frute (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Friday, Nov. 16

Division Three

COLCHESTER (3) 5 (Packer 7, 59
 Lee 5, Hodge 23, Gough 55)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Kemp 42, Cook,
 og 69)
 Att 3,520
 Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Packer
 7, Leslie 7, Wignall 7, Dowman 6,
 Hodge 7, ★**GOUGH** 8, Foley 6, Lee
 7, Rowles 6
 Plymouth: Crudgington 5,
 ★**HODGES** 7, McNeil 5, Randall 6
 Foster 4, Philipson Masters 4,
 Trusson 6, Kemp 6 (sub James 5),
 Sims 5, Bason 6, Harrison 5
 Referee: A. Gray (Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

STOCKPORT (0) 0
NEWPORT (3) 5 (Oakes 18, Bruton
 21, Aldridge 39, 68, 90)
 Att 3,407
 Stockport: Lawson 6, Edwards 6
 (sub Sherlock 5), ★**RUTTER** 7,
 Fogarty 6, Czuczman 5, Chapman 5
 Lovell 5, Bradd 6, Henson 6, Park 5,
 Sward 5
 Newport: Dowler 6, Walden 7, Relish
 7, Bruton 8, Oakes 8, Bailey 7,
 Vaughan 8, Lowndes 8, Tynan 7
 ★**ALDRIDGE** 9, Moore 6 (sub
 Davies 6)
 Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Saturday, Nov. 17

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Stapleton 57, 78)
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att 33,637
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 6,
 Nelson 6, Taibot 6, O'Leary 6, Young
 6, ★**BRADY** 8, Vaessen 6, Stapleton
 7, Price 6, Rix 7
 Everton: Hodge 6, Gidman 6, Bailey
 6, ★**WRIGHT** 7, Higgins 6, Ross 6,
 Hartford 5, Stanley 6, Latchford 6
 (sub Lyons 5), Kidd 6, King 6
 Referee: H. R. Robinson (Suffolk)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

STOKE (1) 1 (Scott 11)
 Att 27,086
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Peirce
 7, Evans 7, McNaught 7,
 ★**MORTIMER** 9, Bremner 8, Little 8
 Geddis 7, Cowens 6, Shaw 7
 Stoke: Jones 8, Evans 6, Scott 7,
 ★**JOHNSON** 9, Smith 6, Dodd 7
 Heath 6, Irvine 7, O'Callaghan 7
 Crooks 7, Randall 6
 Referee: B. Newson (Shropshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★
 Sending Off: Smith (Stoke)

BOLTON (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Daley
 33)
 Att 25,515
 Bolton: McDonagh 7, Clement 7,
 Burke 6, Greaves 6, Jones 6, Walsh
 6, ★**MORGAN** 8, Whatmore 5,
 Gowing 6, Cante lo 6, McNab 5
 Man City: Corrigan 8, Ranson 8
 Donachie 7, Bennett 6, Caton 6,
 Stepanovic 6, Henry 8, ★**DALEY** 9,
 Robinson 6, Power 6, Deyna 6
 Referee: D. T. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

DERBY (0) 0
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner 40)
 Att 16,699
 Derby: McKellar 6, Langan 6, Buckley
 7, Riech 6 (sub Clark 6), Osgood 7,
 McCaffery 6, Emery 6, Powell 7,
 ★**DUNCAN** 8, Davies 6, Hill 6
 Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6, Butcher
 7, Thijssen 7, Osman 6, Mills 7, Wark
 7, ★**MUHR** 8, Gates 7, Mariner 7,
 Brazil 7
 Referee: D. Webb (Sale)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEEDS (0) 1 (Connor 85)
WBA (0) 0
 Att 17,481
 Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Stevenson
 7, ★**HAMSON** 8, Hart 7, Madeley 6
 (sub Connor 7), Hird 7, Entwistle 6
 Harris 6, Curtis 6, Gray 7
 WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Pendrey
 6, ★**MILLS** 8, Wile 7, Robertson 6,
 Robson 6, Brown, A. 6, Deehan 6,
 Brown, T. 6, Barnes 6
 Referee: J. D. Worrall (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (McDermott 34,
 70)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Jones 62)
 Att 51,092
 Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7
 Kennedy, A. 7, Thompson 7, Kennedy
 R. 8, Hansen 8, ★**DALGLISH** 9, Case
 7, Johnson 7, McDermott 8, Souness
 7
 Spurs: Aleksic 7, Hughton 7,
 McAllister 7, Yorath 6, Smith 7
 ★**PERRYMAN** 9, Ardiles 8, Jones 8
 Armstrong 7, Hoddle 7, Villa 8
 Referee: C. N. Seal (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1
 (Jordan 89)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1
 (Hinshelwood 77)
 Att 52,800
 Man Utd: Bailey 6, Nichol 6, Houston
 7, McIlroy 8, ★**MORAN** 9, Buchan 7
 Coppell 6, Wilkins 8, Jordan 7, Macari
 6, Thomas 5 (sub Grimes 6)
 Palace: Burridge 7, Hinchwood 8,
 Sansom 7, Nicholas 6, ★**CANNON**
 9, Gilbert 7, Murphy 6, Francis (sub
 Walsh 7), Flanagan 6, Swindlehurst
 6, Hilaire 6
 Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Armstrong
 71)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att 14,594
 Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 8,
 Peters 7, Nattrass 7, Ashcroft 7,
 McAndrew 6, Cochran 6, Bell 7,
 Hodgson 8, Burns 6,
 ★**ARMSTRONG** 9
 Bristol City: Shaw 7, Sweeney 7,
 Giles 7, Tainton 7, Rodgers 7,
 ★**MERRICK** 8, Fitzpatrick 7, Ritchie
 6, Mabbitt 6 (sub Pritchard 7), Mann
 6, Garland 6
 Referee: K. McNally (South Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

NORWICH (0) 2 (Fashanu 80
McGuire 87)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1
(Andruszewski 26)
Att 18,215
Norwich: Keelan 7, Bond 6, Downs 7,
★McGUIRE 8, Brown 7, Powell 7
Goble 6, Reeves 7, Fashanu 7,
Paddon 7, Peters 6
Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 6
Holmes 7, Williams 7, Watson 7
Waldron 7, Ball 7, Boyer 7,
★CHANNON 8, Andruszewski 7
Hebbard 7
Referee: G. Naphine (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ryan 11)
Att 25,837
Nottn Forest: Shilton 6, Anderson 5,
Gray 7, McGovern 6, ★LLOYD 9,
Needham 8, O'Neill 6, Francis 6
Woodcock 6 (sub Bowyer 5),
Robertson 5, Birtles 6
Brighton: Moseley 7, Suddaby 7,
Williams 7, Horton 7, ★FOSTER 9,
Stevens 7, Ryan 7, Ward 7, Clarke 6
Lawrenson 8, O'Sullivan 7
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

WOLVES (0) 0
COVENTRY (1) 3 (Wallace 8,
Ferguson 57, 77)
Att 22,805
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 6
Parkin 6, Daniel 5, McAlie 6, Berry 6
Hibbitt 6, ★CARR 7, Gray 5,
Richards 5, Eves 5
Coventry: Sealey 7, Coop 7,
McDonald 7, Gooding 7, Holton 7
Gillespie 7, Hutchison 7, ★WALLACE
8, Ferguson 7, Blair 7, Hunt 7
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (White 77)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Shoulder 49)
Att 7,626
Bristol Rovers: Jones 7, Bate 7,
Williams 6, Mabbutt 6, ★CALOR 8,
Atken 7, Barrowclough 7, Parkinson
6, White 7, Dennehy 7, Pulis 6
Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Brownlie 6,
Davies 6, Martin 7, Barton 7, Boam 6,
★SHOULDER 8, Cartwright 6, Withe
6, Rafferty 7, Hibbitt 7 (sub Connery
6)
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (0) 0
LUTON (0) 0
Att 7,055
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Arns 6,
Bremman 7, Overson, R 6 (sub
Burke), Overson, V 6, Dixon 7,
★JAMES 8, Dobson 7, Fletcher 5,
Young 7, Tate 5
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7,
Donaghy 6, Grealish 6, ★SAXBY 8,
Price 7, Hilt 6, West 6, Stein 6,
Hutton 6, Moss 6
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke-on-Trent)
Match Rating: ★★★

CAMBRIDGE UTD (1) 2 (Reilly 42
B.ley 54)
WREXHAM (0) 0
Att 4,472
Cambridge: Webster 7, Calderwood
7, Smith 6, Stringer 7, Fallon 7,
O'Neill 7, Biley 7, Spriggs 6
★REILLY 8, Gibbins 7, Christie 6
Wrexham: Davies 7, Darracott 6,
Dwyer 6, Davies 7, Jones 7, Roberts
6, Vinter 7, ★SUTTON 8, Edwards 7,
McNeil 7, Cartwright 6
Referee: L. M. Robinson (West
Midlands)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARDIFF (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 0
Att 8,119
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 5, Sullivan
5, ★CAMPBELL 8, Pontin 6 (sub
Buchanan 7), Thomas 6, Grapes 4,
Stevens 5, Moore 6, Ronson 5, Lewis
6
Orient: Day 6, Fisher 5, Roffey 6,
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Action from Saturday's game at Arsenal when the home side beat Everton 2-0. Here Pat Jennings clears the ball away from Everton striker Brian Kidd

Margerrison 6, Gray 7, ★TAYLOR 8,
Chiedozie 5, Hughton 5, Moores 5
Jennings 6, Coates 7
Referee: M. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 3 (Fillery 51, Britton,
pen 54, 59)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Tydeman 26)
Att 23,035
Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 8, Sparrow
7 (sub Langley 7), Burnstead 7, Droy
8, Britton 7, Fillery 7, ★CHIVERS 9,
Frost 7, Walker 8, Harris 8
Charlton: Johns 6, Hazell 6, Campbell
6, Tydeman 7, Berry 8, ★MADDEN
9, Powell 8, Wilson 6 (sub Shaw),
Hales 6, Walker 6, Gritt 6
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Bournemouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

OLDHAM (0) 0
FULHAM (1) 1 (Greenaway 35)
Att 5,753
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 5,
Edwards 5, Keegan 6, Clements 6
Blair 6, ★VALENTINE 7, Atkinson 5,
Halom 5, Stainrod 5, Heaton 5
Fulham: Digweed 6, Peters 6, Strong
7, Hatter 6, Money 7, ★GALE 9,
Greenaway 8, Beck 7, Guthrie 6, Lock
6, Davies 7
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce 61)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Lineker 88)
Att 10,038
Preston: ★TUNKS 9, Taylor 7,
Wilson, H 6 (sub Potts 7), Burns 7,
Baxter 7, O'Riordan 7, Bell 8,
Haslegrave 7, Elliott 7, McGee 7,
Bruce 8
Leicester: ★WALLINGTON 9,
Williams 7, Rofe 7, Peake 7, May 8,
O'Neil 7, Lineker 8, Henderson 7,
Young 7, Kelly 6 (sub Wilson, I 6),
Smith 7
Referee: F. Phipps (Wrexham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

QPR (1) 2 (McCreery 26, Roeder 90)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (King 60)
Att 12,048
QPR: Woods 7, Shanks 7, Giffard 6
(sub Waddock 7), McCreery 7, Hazell
7, Wicks 7, Bowles 7, ★ROEDER 8,
Allen 6, Currie 6, Goddard 7
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 7, King 7
Larkin 7, ★LINDSAY 8, Griffin 7
Keay 6, Tong 7, Atkins 7, Briggs 7,
Dungworth 7, Maguire 7
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Robson 40,
pen 51, Cummins 55)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Masson 57)
Att 21,896
Sunderland: Turner 7, Bolton 6,
Whitworth 7, Clarke 7, Elliot 7,
★BUCKLEY 9, Arnott 7, Cummins 8,
Brown 6 (sub Rowell 5), Robson 8,
Dunn 6
Notts County: Avramovic 5, Richards
6, O'Brien 6, Hunt 5 (sub Christie 6),
Stubbs 6, Blockley 7, McCulloch 8,
★MASSON 9, Hooks 8, Benjamin 6
Mair 7
Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WATFORD (1) 1 (Ward 15)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Att 14,378
Watford: Steele 8, Henderson 7,
Harrison 7, Booth 6, Sims 7, Bolton 6,
★POLLARD 9, Blissett 6, Ward 7,
Train 8, Roston 8
Birmingham: Wealds 6, Todd 6,
Dennis 6, Curbishley 7,
★GALLAGHER 8, Towers 7, Lynex
5, Evans 7 (sub Bertschin 6), Givens
7, Dillon 6, Johnston 6
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Brooking 56,
Cross 75)
SWANSEA (0) 0
Att 21,210
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6,
Smith 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Holland
7, Allen 7, Devonshire 8, Cross 7,
★BROOKING 9, Lansdowne 6
Swansea: ★LEATHERAN 8, Evans 6,
Rushbury 6, Charles 7, Phillips 6,
Stevenson 5, Craig 7, Attley 6, James
7, Mahoney 5 (sub Waddle 6),
Callaghan 7
Referee: J. E. Martin (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Stanforth 42)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
Att 6,347
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Hootickin 7
Winstanley 6, MacDonald 7, Ludlam
7, Parker 5, McVitie 6, Bonnyman 6,
Bannon 6, Hamilton 7,
★STANFORTH 8
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Cutbush 6,
Tibbot 6, McPhail 7, Kenworthy 8
Matthews 6, De Goey 5 (sub Jones
5), Bourne 5, Butlin 5, Speight 6,
★SABELLA 8
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips 79)
MANSFIELD (0) 0
Att 2,920
Chester: Millington 5, Raynor 6,
Walker 4, Storton 6, Cottam 5, Oates
5, Sutcliffe 7, Jones 6, Rush 5,
★PHILLIPS 8, Henderson 7
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Thompson 4,
Wood 4, Curtis 6, Bird 5, McClelland
5, Thomson 6, Taylor 7, Austin 5,
Lathan 6, ★ALLEN 8
Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHESTERFIELD (2) 7 (Walker 8
Sanchez 21, Moss 47, 80, Birch 58,
Salmons 66, 88)
READING (1) 1 (Kearns 3)
Att 4,427
Chesterfield: Tingay 6, Tartt 8,
O'Neill 7, Ridley 6, Green 6,
★KOWALSKI 9, Birch 8, Moss 8
Walker 8, Salmons 7, Crawford 6
Reading: Death 5, Hetzke 6, White 5,
★BOWMAN 7, Shipperley 5,
Moreline 5, Kearns 6, Kearney 6,
Heale 5, Sanchez 5 (sub Williams 5),
Joslyn 5
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

EXETER (0) 0
OXFORD (0) 0
Att 3,550
Exeter: O'Keefe 6, Mitchell 8,
★HATCH 9, Hore 6, Giles 7, Forbes
6, Neville 6, Pearson 7, Bowker 6,
Delve 7, Rogers 7
Oxford: Burton 7, McIntosh 7, Fogg
6, Briggs 6, Stott 6, Jeffrey 6
★BERRY 9, Duncan 7, Foley 8,
Cooke 8, Hodgson 7
Referee: M. Baker (Gl. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Price 49,
Funnell 83)
BURY (1) 1 (Hillyard, og 33)
Att 5,731
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Young 6,
Barker 6, Overton 6, Weatherley 6,
★CRABBE 8, Nicholl 7, White 6,
Price 7, Westwood 7, Richardson 7
(sub Funnell 6)
Bury: ★FORREST 9, Ritson 6,
Halford 7, Waldron 7, Wh tehead 6,
Howard 7, Madden 6, Wilson 7,
Johnson 7, Hilton 6, Mullen 6
Referee: M. J. Sidmead (Chessington)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

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Euro final fears

Crowd violence in Italy is at its bloodiest worst and must arouse fears for fans and players alike at the forthcoming finals of the European Championships.

Soccer tempers have always been volatile in Italy, but this season has seen exceptionally worrying scenes — the height of which was the death of one fan.

Battles between police and 'mobs' have become a regular occurrence and tear gas rifles are now standard gear for officers of the law at matches.

But the trouble-making fans themselves are often armed like soldiers with fire bombs, clubs, signal flares, bottles and stones — all being used to fight police and fans from opposing teams.

Naples San Paolo stadium — one of the venues for the European Championships finals — is so notorious for trouble that the club offers season ticket holders insurance against injuries due to accidental, violent or other causes.

Italy as the host nation are automatic entrants for the finals in Rome and the importance of the competition is bound to arouse tension among fans.

But for the good of football . . . the fans and the teams . . . we can only hope the Championships will go off trouble free.

China's yes, if . . .

CHINA has agreed to join FIFA provided Taiwan changes its name, flag and emblem in International soccer competitions.

The FIFA Executive Committee had ruled that Peking should join the Federation while Taiwan may remain a member only if it agrees to change its name and renounce showing the nationalist Chinese flag and emblem.

"So far there has been no reply from Taiwan although there have been protests in the Taiwan press about our decision," FIFA spokesman Rene Courte said. FIFA sources believe that Taiwan eventually will go along with the ruling as the only way to remain in International competition.

Peking's acceptance of the FIFA ruling was contained in a letter received at FIFA Headquarters. It was sent by Li Fenglou, President of the Football Association of the Peoples Republic of China.

"Mr. Li Fenglou announces that the Chinese F.A. will do its utmost as a FIFA member towards the development of football in China, Asia and throughout the world and will

co-operate closely with FIFA," the FIFA statement said.

Courte said China now becomes a provisional member of the Federation pending formal approval of Peking's membership by the next FIFA Congress.

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SERIOUS concern has been expressed over Spain's organisation of the 1982 World Cup. Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez has charged that the official World Cup Committee is overstepping the bounds of its duties.

Gonzalez also claimed that the Government's budget for 1980 makes no allowance for the World Cup and says that neither the public or Parliament has been kept informed.

"We do not know how many millions (of pesetas) will be invested in the Cup and until we do know we will not know whether the amount is good or not," said Gonzalez.

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SOVIET soccer club Voronej Fakel this week (Nov. 22) began a tour of Botswana — the first visit by any Russian sportsmen. The team will play three games against local clubs according to a Russian Embassy spokesman.

Hot Chile

The America Cup final between Paraguay and Chile will be decided over two legs — the first in Paraguay's capital Asuncion on November 28 and the second in Santiago's national stadium on December 5. Should the team's tie a play-off will be held in Buenos Aires.

**WORLD
ROUND-UP**



Powerhouse Kevin Keegan in action — he scored a vital goal for his German club.

Kevin Keegan set his team SV Hamburg on the road to a 2-0 away win against Munich 1860 in the West German First Division with a goal in the 36th minute.

He scored following a pass from Willi Reimann and Buljawa made it 2-0 in the 62nd minute.

The victory leaves Hamburg two points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund after 11 games.

Dave Watson's old club — Werder Bremen — are just off the bottom of the table after losing 4-1 to Bayern Munich.

After struggling Hertha had managed a draw with Cologne their trainer Hans Eder said "For us this was a victory — the first important step in our fight against relegation."

WEST GERMAN FIRST DIVISION
Werder Bremen 1, Bayern Munich 4, FC Cologne 2, Hertha BSC 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 6, MSV Duisburg 0, VfB Stuttgart 2, Eintracht Braunschweig 0, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1, Borussia Dortmund 2, Schalke 04 1, 1860 Munich 0, Hamburg SV 2, Bayer Uerdingen 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 1, VfL Bochum 1, FC Kaiserslautern 1

Standings after 11 games

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Borussia Dortmund	11	8	1	24	13	17
Hamburg SV	11	6	3	23	11	15
Eintracht Frankfurt	11	7	0	4	24	14
Schalke 04	11	5	3	3	20	12
Bayern Munich	11	5	3	3	19	13
Bor. M'gladbach	11	5	3	3	23	13
FC Koeln	11	4	4	3	24	12
VfB Stuttgart	11	5	2	4	19	12
FC Kaiserslautern	11	4	3	4	19	11
VfL Bochum	11	4	3	4	14	11
Bayer 04 Leverkusen	11	3	5	3	14	10
Fortuna Düsseldorf	11	4	2	5	25	10
Bayer Uerdingen	11	4	2	5	12	10
MSV Duisburg	11	4	2	5	14	10
Werder Bremen	11	3	2	6	13	8
Muenchen 1860	11	2	3	6	9	7
Hertha BSC	11	2	3	6	10	7
Eintracht B'schweig	11	1	2	8	8	4

ITALIAN FIRST DIVISION
Bologna 0, Cagliari 1, Catanzaro 2, Roma 2, Lazio 1, Juventus 0, AC Milan 2, Fiorentina 0, Napoli 0, Avellino 1, Pescara 1, Perugia 1, Torino 0, Inter Milan 0, Udinese 3, Ascoli 1

Leading standings after 8 matches:
Inter Milan 13; Milan 11, Cagliari 11, Juventus 10; Torino 10; Lazio 9; Perugia 8; Avellino 8; Udinese 8.

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION
Laval 2, Lille 0, Monaco 1, Bastia 0, Brest 0, Bordeaux 1, Paris St Germain 1, Strasbourg 0, Lens 1, Nimes 0, Nancy 1, Valenciennes 0, St Etienne 3, Angers 3, Marseille 3, Lyon 1, Nantes 5, Nice 0.

Standings after 15 matches:
Monaco 23, Nantes 21, St Etienne 20, Nimes 19, Strasbourg 18, Sochaux 17 (played 14), Lille 16, Valenciennes 16

EAST GERMAN FIRST DIVISION
Chemie Halle 3, Dynamo Berlin 1, LOK Leipzig 1, FC Magdeburg 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 3, Wismut Aue 0, Rot Weiss Erfurt 2, Chemie Leipzig 2, Sachsenring Zwickau 1, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 1, Dynamo Dresden 1, Karl Marx Stadt 0, Union Berlin 2, Stahl Riesa 0

Leading standings after 9 matches:
Dynamo Dresden 16, Dynamo Berlin 13, Carl Zeiss Jena 13, Chemie Halle 13, Magdeburg 11, Chemie Leipzig 11

AUSTRIAN FIRST DIVISION
Sturm Graz 0, Austria 0, Rapid 3, Admira 0, Lask 2, Vienna 1, Salzburg 3, GAK 1, Voest-Linz 2, Sportklub 1

Leading standings after 12 matches:
GAK 17 points, Lask 16, Austria 15, Rapid 13, Salzburg 13

Results

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

Real Madrid 2, Salamanca 0; Barcelona 1, Burgos 0, Las Palmas 1, Espanol 0; Rayo Vallecano 5, Malaga 1, Almeria 0, Gijon 0, Zaragoza 1, Hercules 0, Betis 1, Real Sociedad 1, Athletic Bilbao 2, Atletico Madrid 1, Valencia 2, Sevilla 7

Leading standings after 8 matches:
Gijon 15; Real Madrid 14; Salamanca 12; Real Sociedad 12, Espanol 9; Las Palmas 9, Barcelona 8.

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

MVV 1, Sparta 3; NEC 0, Ajax 3, Feyenoord 1, Heracles 1; PSV 1, Excelsior 1, PEC 3, NAC 0; Utrecht 3, AZ 2, Roda 2, Vitesse 1, Twente 3, Go Ahead 1, Willem II 0, Den Haag 0

Leading standings after 12 matches:
Ajax (played 11) 18 points, Feyenoord (played 11) 17; AZ 17, PSV 16; Utrecht 15, Den Haag 13.

YUGOSLAV FIRST DIVISION
Partizan 3, Zeljeznicar 0; Sarajevo 2, Red Star 1; Osijek 2, Vojvodina 0; Vardar 1, Buducnost 1, Sloboda 2, Olympia 0, Napredak 3, Dynamo 0; Celik 1, Radnicki 0, Rijeka 2, Hajduk 0; Borac 4, Velez 2

Standings after 15 matches:
Sarajevo 21 points, Velez 19; Radnicki 19, Red Star 19, Napredak 19; Hajduk 19, Vardar 15; Partizan 15, Olympia 15

CZECHOSLOVAK FIRST DIVISION
Lokomotiva Kosice 2, Banska Bystrica 0; Dukla Prague 3, Sparta Prague 0; Cheb 1, Sparta Trnava 1; Trencin 1, Banik Ostrava 0; Inter Bratislava 4, Brno 2, Nitra 3, ZTS Kosice 0, Bohemians Prague 2, Slovan Bratislava 1, Pizen 1, Slavia Prague 1

Leading standings after 12 matches:
Bohemians 19 points, Nitra 15, Lokomotiva 15; Banik Ostrava 15, Brno 14



Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham. His team's 2-0 home win over Salamanca left them just one point behind leaders Sporting Gijon in the Spanish First Division.

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A Kop-eye view of the impressive Highfield Road stadium

AN AIR of quiet expectancy warmed a chilly November morning work-out at Coventry City's impressive training camp in the little village of Ryton on Dunsmore.

Manager Gordon Milne was revelling in a forward role as he teamed up with Wally, Hutchy, Fergie and Coopy and strove to break down big Jim Holton, Gary Gillespie and the vociferous Jim Blyth at the back for the opposition.

The boss's side were 2-0 down when Wally (Ian Wallace) pulled one back and Milne's assistant Ron Wylie shouted: "Four minutes to go."

Milne - showing flashes of the skills that once left them for dead in his days at Liverpool - made no attempt to hide his delight when Fergie (Mick Ferguson) stuck away a superb header that even Jim Blyth - throwing himself at everything and showing no signs of the back injury that put him out at the start of the season - couldn't stop.

That last four minutes must have been all of ten as Wylie waited for his team to get the all-important winner and in the end it came from Coventry's longest-serving player, Mick Coop (Coopy), after some probing passes from the evergreen Tommy Hutchison - Hutchy to his team-mates.

The training session over, Milne took time out to relax for a few minutes and talk about the 'Sky Blues' future.

Never in the long history of the club have a Coventry team tasted success at the highest level. The last and greatest achievement at Highfield Road was winning the Second Division championship 13 years ago.

But Milne is philosophical about the past... and excited about the future.

"Everyone wants success, but very few of us can actually have it. Success is all about going to Wembley (something Coventry have never done) and we are



Manager Gordon Milne looking for action in a training session match

continually building, but we have to do it by producing our own players.

"Fans have criticised us at times for selling players, but we don't make a profit at football and if you are making a loss you have to do something about it - this game is all about survival.

"Of course I want the club to be successful and I would love to see us get to Wembley. We were close to getting into Europe two seasons ago but let it slip," said Milne.

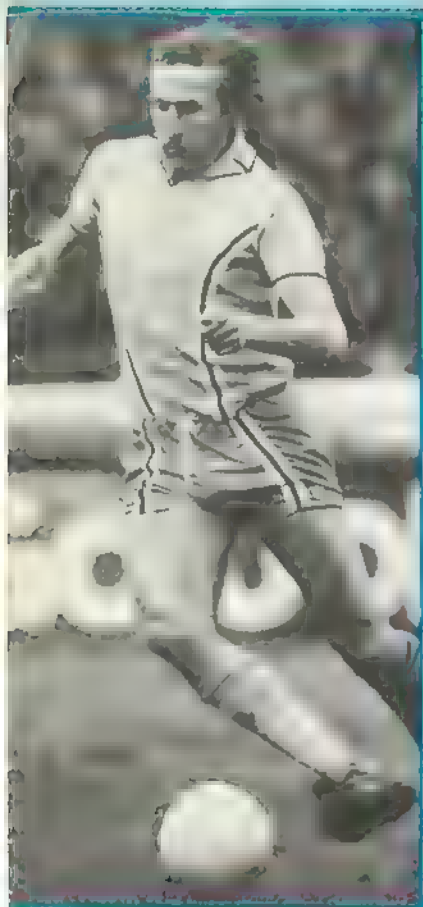
Since he became manager in June 1972, Coventry have finished 19th, 16th, 14th, 14th again, 19th, 7th and 10th in the First Division. The last two seasons have certainly shown an improvement but the best could still be to come. After 15 games this season Coventry lay 13th with 15 points... 5 points off the top.

"A lot of youngsters have been given the opportunity to show what they can do. Two-thirds of the squad are 23 or under and we could probably do with some more maturity. In some ways this could be our most difficult year because the team has been changed around so much. I took a gamble in selling Terry Yorath (to Tottenham) because he was a big influence, but we are as far advanced for the future as we have ever been. I am certainly excited by the potential we have here now," said Milne.

He is thinking about players like Tommy English with five goals in his first 12 first-team games this season, Mark Hateley (only one game as sub in the first team, but a regular in the reserves with five goals), Andy Blair, Ray Gooding, Gary Bannister, Paul Dyson, Gary Thompson and Steve Whitton.

Coventry plan to spend £1 million on improving the training camp, including the building of a special sports complex.





Tommy Hutchison in action. He took over the skipper's role when Terry Yorath left for Spurs - and he's enjoying the responsibility

Patience says Hutch

BE PATIENT - that's the message to Coventry fans from team skipper Tommy Hutchison who says: "We didn't play well at the start of the season, but with the kids we have coming through the future can only be good."

"As a team Coventry were always also rans, but when teams come here now they are frightened of us

"Gordon is trying to build a younger team that is going to win something - when I came here from Blackpool in 1972 there were more older established players. Before it was a simple case of survival

"We have a lot of good young players here now and I think that by next season or maybe the season after we could really be challenging for honours," said Hutchison.

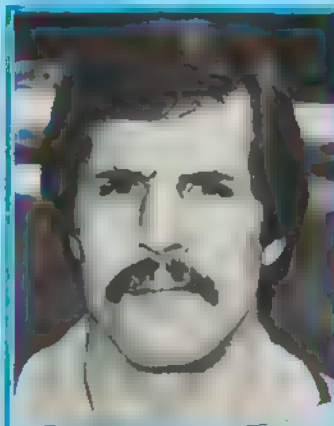
Hutchison (32), with 17 Scotland caps to his credit, took over the captaincy of the team when Terry Yorath left the club.

"I'm enjoying the job. It puts more pressure on me to play well and set a good example.

"You have to accept we have never won anything in the First Division, but I think given another couple of players that could change."



Red-headed striker Ian Wallace is the current darling of the Coventry crowd. He made a name for himself as a prolific goalscorer with Dumbarton and signed for the Sky Blues in August, 1976 for a £75,000 fee. He won his first cap for Scotland last season and up to the start of this season has scored 44 goals for Coventry in 103 matches. He's leading the scoring chart this season.



Jim Holton made his name as a central defender with Manchester United, but he started his career with West Bromwich Albion and then moved on to Shrewsbury before going to Old Trafford. From there he joined Sunderland and became a Coventry player in March, 1977 at a price of £40,000.



Left-back Bobby McDonald started this season with the record of having played in all the club's senior games since joining Coventry three years ago for £40,000. He arrived at Highfield Road just five months after winning a League Cup winners' medal with Aston Villa.



Birmingham-born Steve Hunt was offered the chance of becoming a highly-paid star by New York Cosmos - but turned down the offer to prove his worth in Coventry colours. Joined the club in September, '78 and has been a regular member of the side this season.



Youth on our side... all set to light up the Sky Blues are from the top Mark Hateley, Danny Thomas and Tommy English.



THEY'RE OFF!

THE collection of salesmen, clerks, panel beaters and carpenters who made up the New Zealand touring party have now returned to the South Pacific, a little wiser for their experiences gained during their tour of Kuwait, Bahrain, Ireland and Britain.

The Kiwi's won only two of their 10 matches — both against Bahrain — yet apart from a 5-0 defeat at Norwich and an 8-1 thrashing in Dundee at the end of the tour, they were quite pleased!

Indeed, their performances earned praise from such respected sources as Bobby Robson, who was manager of the England B side which defeated the tourists 4-1 at Orient. It took an incredible own-goal from centre-half Sam Malcolmson, on the stroke of half-time, to break the deadlock.

And it was another own-goal which gave Ipswich Town a 1-0 victory at Portman Road. After this match Englishman John Adshead, who is in charge of the New Zealand national side, told **MATCH WEEKLY**: "We have done well defensively. We have learnt so much about this side of the game on this tour. I think a lot of sides, particularly in our part of the hemisphere, will now find it very hard to score goals against us."

"We are getting men behind the ball very well but there is still a tendency for some of the players to be thinking about this even when we are in possession. They are hesitating, lacking confidence to go forward and commit themselves to attack when we have got the ball."

Soccer in New Zealand, which for many years simmered under the shadow of the rugby code, has now become the fastest-developing sport in the country, with more child participants than Rugby.

John Adshead says the future

Soccer takes root in Kiwi country

looks very bright: "We have some talented young players and we will be taking a lot of them away to compete in the Oceania Cup, two weeks after we arrive back home."

The big talking point in Kiwi football at the moment is the World Cup. For following a 1-0 victory over Australia last summer, New Zealand's first win in 26 years, there is a great feeling of optimism that they can qualify for the finals in Spain.

They have got to take on Indonesia, Australia, Fiji and Taiwan and the crucial games will be those with Australia who, you may remember, made it all the way to the final stages in 1974.

Success in the World Cup would do wonders for the game, which is still very much administered on an amateur level. Mr Adshead admits that there have been difficulties through lack of finance — but things are looking up.

Says the North Island Director of Coaching: "The administrators are really beginning to say, 'Yes, these things have to be done so we will find the money', whereas in the past they have looked at the exercise and asked: 'How much will it cost?', and then vetoed suggestions on the grounds of finance."

They have obviously a long way to go before they can start talking in terms of world football. In defence they were strong, particularly in the physical aspect, but they tended to watch the ball and not the runners. You could fairly describe the Kiwis as a workmanlike team, lacking individuals of flair and imagination. But it's early days yet. The main point is that football is gaining a foothold in yet another corner of the world.

New Zealand in action against England B at Brisbane Road



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*I WOULD like a girl or boy pen friend to write to me, between the ages of 18 and 30. I am 25 and support Chelsea, but I like all football in general, plus most types of music. Thanks for **MATCH WEEKLY**, easily the best football paper around.*

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It would be interesting to have an English pen friend because England have to play Norway in the World Cup qualifying matches for 1982. Maybe we could meet at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo!

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Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters, pen 22)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
 Att: 6,716
 Grimsby: Batch 6, Stone 7, Moore, K 7, ★**WATERS 8**, Wigginton 6, Crombie 6, Brolly 7, Ford 7, Kilmore 7, Mitchell 7, Liddell 5.
 Wimbledon: ★**GODDARD 8**, Briley 5, (sub. Ketteridge 5), Jones 5, Galliers 5, Bowgett 6, Downes 5, Dziadulewicz 5, Parsons 6, Leslie 5, Cork 5, Lewington 7.
 Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
 Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 0
BARNSELY (1) 2 (McCarthy 2, Hood, og 36)
 Att: 8,327
 Hull: Blackburn 7, Hood 6, Haigh 4, Skipper 6, Dobson 7, Nisbet 7, Roberts 6, Moss 5, Edwards 6, Tait 7, ★**HAWKER 8**.
 Barnsley: Springett 7, Flavell 7, Collins 5, Glavin 7, ★**HUNTER 8**, McCarthy 7, Banks 6, Clarke 6, Aylott 7, Lester 5, Pugh 6.
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Chatterton 2, Mitchell 76)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 5,879
 Millwall: Jackson 6, Donaldson 5, Kinsella 7, Chatterton 7, Tagg 7, Blyth 6, ★**TOWNER 8**, Seaman 6, Mitchell 7, Lyons 7, Mehmet 7.
 Blackpool: ★**HESFORD 8**, Gardner 6, Pashley 7, McEwan 6, Ashurst 7, Thompson 6, Bowey 6 (sub. Wilson), Doyle 6, Spence 6, Kellow 7, Weston 7.
 Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (2) 4 (Green 16, Finney 26, McEwan 72, 90)
BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McNichol 43, 80)
 Att: 4,709
 Rotherham: Mountford 6, Tiler 7, Breckin 7, Rhodes 7, Stancliffe 8, Green 8, ★**FINNEY 9**, McEwan 6, Gwyther 6, Fern 7, Nix 7.
 Brentford: Bond 6, Salman 6, Tucker 8, ★**McNICHOL 9**, Kruse 5, Fraser 6, Holmes 6 (sub. Feat 6), Graham 7, Smith 7, Alder 7, Phillips 8.
 Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (Mellor 48, King 56)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
 Att: 10,563
 Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Shirtcliffe 5, Grant 7, Smith 7, Pickering 6, Hornsby 6, Wylde 6, Porterfield 5, ★**MELLOR 8**, McCulloch 7, King 7.
 Southend: Cawston 7, Dudley 6, Moody 7, Hadleigh 6, Stead 7, Pountney 7, Otulakowski 7, Tuohy 5, Parker 7, ★**GRAY 8**, Walker 7.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (0) 2 (Kamara 57, Miller 75)
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att: 7,086
 Swindon: Allan 7, Lewis 7, Ford 7, McHale 5, Tucker 6 (sub. Carter), Stroud 7, ★**MILLER 8**, Kamara 7, Rowland 6, Mayes 7, Williams 6.
 Blackburn: Arnold 7, Branagan 7, Morley 5, Kendall 7 (sub. Parkes 7), ★**KEELEY 8**, Fazackerley 7, Brotherston 7, Crawford 6, Craig 6, McKenzie 6, Metcalfe 7.
 Referee: C. A. E. Maskell (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (2) 3 (Needham 30, Brodie 45, 65)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Burke 90)
 Att: 3,352
 Aldershot: Johnson 6, Scott 6, Bennett 6, Jopling 6, Wooler 6, Crosby 7, Dixon 7, ★**BRODIE 8**, French 6, Needham 7, McGregor 7.
 Halifax: Kilner 6, Geidmintis 6, ★**EVANS 7**, Harris 6, Goodman 6 (sub. Whiteley 6), Burke 6, Kennedy 6, Hendrie 6, Firth 6, Dryhurst 5.



Bob Latchford shoots for goal as Arsenal defender Willie Young moves in to challenge. Latchford limped off at half-time with a groin injury.



Brian Kidd was busy on his return to Highbury. Here the Everton striker shoots past the lunging challenge of Arsenal defender Sammy Nelson.

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Smith 5.
Referee: M. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 0
Att: 3,771
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 7, Ferns 7, Impey 6, Townsend 7, Chambers 6, Holder 7, MacDougall 6, ★**BUTLER 8**, Borthwick 6 (sub. Evanson 8), Miller 6.
Doncaster: ★**PEACOCK 8**, Russell 7, Snodin 7, Lister 7, Lally 7, Dowd 7, Pugh 7, Nimmo 7, Warboys 7, Lewis 7, Flanagan 7.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
DARLINGTON (0) 0
Att: 2,366
Crewe: Felgate 7, Wilkinson 7, Bowers 7, Hunter 6, Scott 7, Prohett 7, ★**McMAHON 8**, Guy 5, Chesters 6, Nelson 7, Coyne 6.
Darlington: Owers 7, Nattress 7, Cochran 7, Ball 7, Craig 7, ★**SMITH 8**, McLean 7, Charlton 6 (sub. Walsh), Stalker 7, Taylor 6, Ellis 6.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Feeley 28)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Marshall, og 5)
Att: 2,767
Hereford: Hughes 7, Price 7, Burrows 7, Marshall 5, Layton 6, Birchenall 7, ★**FEELEY 8**, Hunt 7, McGrellis 4 (sub. Cunningham 6), Phillips 5, White 5.
Rochdale: ★**WATSON 8**, Cliff 7, Hallows 7, Weir 6 (sub. Hart 6), Bannion 7, Hoy 7, Esser 7, Wann 6, Hilditch 6, Seal 7, O'Loughlin 6.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath, Worcs.)
Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Fletcher 37)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Beamish 1)
Att: 7,069
Huddersfield: Startling 6, Brown 7, Robinson 7, Stanton 6, Sutton 6, Topping 6, ★**LAVERICK 8**, Hart 6, Fletcher 7, Robins 6, Cowling 6 (sub. Purdie 6).
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 6, Flood 6, Bramhall 7, Edwards 7, Evans 7, ★**O'NEIL 8**, Parry 7, Lumby 7, Beamish 7, Peplow 6, Mungall 7.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (O'Donoghue 4, Farrington 86)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton 86)
Att: 2,251
Northampton: Poole 8, Walker 6, Sandercock 7, Byatt 7, Waldoock 6, Farrington 8, Denyer 6, Sargent 6, Farmer 6, McCaffrey 6, ★**O'DONOGHUE 9**.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Sweeney 6, Ayre 7, Higgins 5, Carr 5, Lawrence 7, Gorry 6, Loadwick 7, Harding 7, ★**NEWTON 8**, Houchen 7.
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Guy 11)
WALSALL (1) 3 (Penn 28, Waddington 71, McDonough 75)
Att: 4,019
Peterborough: Waugh 5, Carmichael 5, Collins 5, Guy 6, Smith 6, ★**FOSTER 8**, Quow 5 (sub. Robson 5), Kellock 6, Cliss 5, Parkinson 6, Syrett 5.
Walsall: Green 6, Paul 5, Mower 7, Sbragia 6, Serella 7, Broadhurst 6, Penn 6, Williams 7, McDonough 6, ★**WADDINGTON 8**, Caswell 5.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 4 (Garwood 44, 51, Laidlaw 86, pen 90)
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att: 14,620
Portsmouth: Knight 7, Ellis 5, Viney 6, Brisley 5, Aizlewood 7, Davey 6, ★**GARWOOD 9** (sub. Purdie), Laidlaw 8, Ashworth 5, Bryant 5, Rogers 6.
Lincoln: Grotier 6, Carr 5, Neale 6,



Two second-half goals by Rotherham's Billy McEwan sealed his sides 4-2 home win over Brentford.

Watson 8, Saunders 7, ★**PEAKE 8**, Hobson 5, Cockerill 6, Harford 6, Cunningham 5, Ball 6.
Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Wright 48)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Cooper 81)
Att: 2,643
Port Vale: Dance 7, Keenan 7, Griffiths 8, Beech 7, Bowles 8, Sproson 7, Chamberlain 7, ★**FARRELL 9**, Wright 8, Jones 7, Bentley 6 (sub. Bromage 7).
Torquay: Turner 7, Pethard 7, Ritchie 6, Larmour 7, Bourne 7, Sermanni 6, Davies 6, Cox 5 (sub. Lawrence 7), ★**COOPER 8**, Twitchin 6, Murphy 7.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (3) 4 (Gore 12, Hinnigan 38, Urquhart 43, Quinn 59)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Partridge 66)
Att: 4,618
Wigan: Brown 6, Fretwell 6, Hinnigan 7, Gore 7, Methven 6, Davids 6, Corrigan 7, ★**WRIGHT 8**, Houghton 7, Quinn 7, Urquhart 7.
Scunthorpe: Gordon 6, Devy 6, Pilling 5, Kavanagh 6, Dall 5, Oates 5, ★**COWLING 7**, Cammack 6, Green 6, Partridge 6, Keeley 5.
Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

YORK (1) 2 (Randell 23, Kay 83)
BRADFORD CITY (1) 2 (McNiven 20, Martinez 55)
Att: 3,832
York: Neenan 6, Kay 6, Harrison 7, ★**FORD 9**, Faulkner 7, Clements 7, Randall 7, Lorimer 8, Eccles 6, McDonald 7, Wellings 7.
Bradford City: Smith 7, Reaney 7, Watson 7, Podd 7, Baines 6, Cooper



Jimmy McNichol scored twice for Brentford at Rotherham, but his efforts weren't enough to get his side a point.



Joe Laidlaw's brace for Portsmouth followed two by leading scorer Colin Garwood in the home win over Lincoln.

7, Wood 6, Dolan 7, Staniforth 6, McNiven 7, ★**MARTINEZ 8**.
Referee: M. E. Peck (Doncaster)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
PARTICK THISTLE (1) 1 (Park 37)
Att: 5,000
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, McLean 6, Robertson 5, Clark 6, ★**CLARKE 7**, McDiicken 6, Gibson 5 (sub. Cairney), Maxwell 6, Bourke 5, Mauchlen 6, Street 5 (sub. Houston).
Partick: ★**ROUGH 7**, MacKinnon 6, Whitaker 6, Campbell 6, Anderson 6, Gibson 5 (sub. McDonald 5), O'Hara 6, Doyle 5, McAdam 5, Melfrose 6, Park 6.
Referee: D. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★

CELTIC (2) 3 (Lennox 33, Sullivan 42, Edvaldsson 63)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att: 25,000
Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 7, McGrain 7, Aitken 7, MacAdam 7, McLeod 8, ★**PROVAN 9**, Sullivan 7, Edvaldsson 7, Conroy 7, Lennox 7.
Hibs: McArthur 7, ★**BRAZIL 8**, McGlinchey 7, Rae 6, Paterson 7, MacNamara 7, Callaghan 6, Ward 6, Duncan 7, MacLeod 7, Higgins 6.
Referee: T. Kellock (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (1) 2 (Ritchie, pen 19, Anderson 50)
DUNDEE (0) 0
Att: 6,500



Bernie Wright's second-half goal for Torquay earned Port Vale a point in their home game with Torquay.

Morton: ★BAINES 8, Hayes 7, Holmes 6, Anderson 7, McLaughlin 6, Orr 7, McNeil 7, Miller 6, Russell 6, Hutchison 5, Ritchie 7.
Dundee: Donaldson 7, Barr 6, Schaedler 6, ★**MILLAR 8**, Glennie 6, McGeachie 6, Murphy 7, McLaren 7, Pirie 5, Sinclair 5, Shirra 5 (sub. Williamson 5).
Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 0
Att: 5,500
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 7, Kopel 6, Fleming 7, ★**PHILLIP 8**, Narey 7, Bannion 6, Dadds 5 (sub. Pettigrew 5), Docherty 4 (sub. Sturrock 7), Holt 5, Milne 6.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Young 6, Munro 7, Richardson 6, Fulton 7, ★**COPLAND 8**, Bone 6, Stark 5, Sommer 5, McDougall 7, Abercromby 6.
Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (0) 0
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Archibald 86)
Att: 16,000
Rangers: McCloy 6, Forsyth, A. 6, Dawson 6, Stevens 6, ★**JARDINE 7**, Watson 8, McLean 6, Miller 5 (sub. McDonald), Johnstone 5, MacDonald 6, Smith 5.
Aberdeen: Clark 6, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 7, McLeish 7, Garner 7, Miller 7, Strachan 6, ★**ARCHIBALD 8**, Harper 6, McMaster 7, Scanlon 5 (sub. McGhee 6).
Referee: D. Ramsey (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

AIRDRIE (0) 0
DUMBARTON (0) 0
Att: 8,000
Ayr (1) 2 (Connor, pen 32, Morris 81)
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Miller 41, Given 81)
Att: 2,760
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton, pen 44)
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Yule 35)
Att: 2,000

HEARTS (0) 1 (O'Connor 88)
STIRLING ALBION (0) 0
Att: 3,400

HAMILTON v CLYDE — Match Postponed

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (McLaughlin 52)
RAITH ROVERS (1) 2 (Ballantyne 12, Harrow 55)
Att: 2,123

ST JOHNSTONE (2) 3 (Brogan 6, Pelosi 17, Rutherford, pen 63)
BERWICK RANGERS (1) 3 (Smith, G 24, 65, Moyes 85)
Att: 2,819

Division Two

ALBION ROVERS v MEADOWBANK — Match Postponed
ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt 67)
STRANRAER (0) 1 (Gibb 62)
Att: 679

BRECHIN (1) 1 (Campbell, I 20)
COWDENBEATH (1) 3 (Marshall 25, Harley 52, Steele 88)
Att: 400

EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Neilson 23)
QUEENS PARK (0) 1 (Irvine 83)
Att: 571

EAST STIRLING v FORFAR — Match Postponed
FALKIRK (3) 3 (Brown 7, Leeton 22, Stevenson 44)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1 (Phillips, R 18)
Att: 851

MORTROSE (3) 5 (Murray 8, 26, Oliver 17, 48, Taylor 88)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
Att: 500

CUT OUT AND KEEP



Ask us £2 FOR EVERY QUESTION PUBLISHED

GRAHAM WARD, of Sandy, Beds, asks:

Was Glenn Hoddle's goal against Norwich City the quickest of the season so far? The time was 19 seconds.

● Yes Graham it was the season's quickest Football League goal to date (up to and including November 3).

JIMMY McGLYNN, of Whalley Range, Manchester, asks:

I have noticed that every home match at Torquay starts at 7.30 p.m. Why is this?

● Torquay tell us that records show evening kick-offs give them bigger gates at the beginning and the end of the season. But from now until the end of March, they have reverted, as usual, to afternoon kick-offs.

O. SPARROWHAWK, London NW8, asks:

When the same player scores three times in a game why is it called a 'hat-trick'?

The term 'hat-trick' has been derived from ancient days in cricket when it was customary to present a hat to any bowler taking three wickets in three

balls. The term was later applied to soccer on the basis that the goals had to be scored consecutively. Now, however, three goals by one player in one game are accepted as a 'hat-trick' — whether scored consecutively or not.

PAUL TIERNEY, of Winsford, Cheshire, asks:

What is the worst number of points by a team in the First Division for one season and who were the team?

The smallest number of points gained by any team in one season in the First Division was Stoke's 10 (22 matches) in 1889/90, the Football League's second season.

JONATHAN DAVEY, of Brantham, Essex, asks:

I saw in an old Ipswich Town programme that 20 years ago Ipswich had a goalkeeper named Bailey. Is he any relation to Manchester United's Gary Bailey?

Roy Bailey, who kept goal for Ipswich Town in the 50s and early 60s, is the father of the current Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey.

IT WAS IN...

... Season 1972/73 that Arsenal's defeat in the semi-final at Hillsborough prevented them from becoming the first club this century to appear in three consecutive F.A. Cup Finals. It also prevented the first 'repeat' cup final of the century as Leeds were their opponents the previous season.

... Season 1966/67 that Celtic won the Scottish League, Cup and League Cup, the Glasgow Cup and were the first British club to win the European Cup — thus completing a remarkable grand slam.

... In January 1966 that both Chester full-backs, Ray Jones and Bryn Jones, suffered broken legs in the Fourth Division game against Aldershot. Chester won the game, played on January 1, by 3-2.

... Moscow on May 18, 1958, that England played USSR for the first time ever. The score was 1-1.



Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey (above) is the son of former Ipswich Town 'keeper Roy Bailey.

Ball Winners

The five lucky winners of super Candus leather footballs in our Crossword No. 8 (November 1 issue) are:

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The correct answers were:

Across: 1. John Reish 7. (Dennis) Law 8. (Kenny) Hibbert 9. Sir 10. Hill 11. Fern 12. Orient 14. (Mickey) Thomas 16. (Chris) Nichol 18. Bell 19. (Mervyn) Day 20. (Karl) Dransfield 21. (Gordon) Davies

Down: 1. (Derek) Johnstone 2. Hibernian 3. Raith 4. (Brian) Little 6. (Kenny) Swain 7. (Doug) Livermore 13. (Peter) Nicholas 14. (Jim) Tolmie 15. (Peter) Shilton 17. (Geert) Meyer 18. (Billy) Bonds 20. (Mervyn) Day



FOOTBALL PUZZLE SOLUTION:

1-B; 2-G; 3-J; 4-C; 5-H; 6-D; 7-E; 8-F; 9-A; 10-I.



QUIZ No. 12 ANSWERS

1. Berwick Rangers 2. Aberdeen 3. Gordon Davies (Fulham v Birmingham) 4. Brian Robson 5. Johnny Carty 1949 6. Ewood Park b) Abbey Stadium c) Cappielow Park 7. Accrington Stanley 8. Johnny Crossan and Jimmy McIlroy 9. Huddersfield Town 10. Tranmere Rovers 11. Feyenoord 12. Hereford United 13. Manchester City 14. Columbia 15. Peter Osgood 16. Mike Rathbone or Blackburn 17. Brentford 18. Nat Lofthouse 19. Wolverhampton Wanderers (Clamp - Wright - Slater) 20. David Jack

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